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The Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes, widely acclaimed as one of America's greatest preachers, will be the speaker and honorary degree recipient at Lasell's Commencement Ceremony, Sunday, May 21 (see story page 3).

President Thomas E.J. de Witt Announces Plans to Retire in June 2007

Following a successful, nearly two-decade-long tenure overseeing the dramatic academic and physical growth of Lasell College, President Thomas E.J. de Witt has announced that he will be retiring from his position effective June 30, 2007 (see *Message from the President*, page 2).

The Lasell College Board of Trustees will launch a full-scale national search for a new president, and a Presidential Transition Committee has been established to ensure that all Lasell constituencies are kept fully informed. The progress of the search will be reported through a presidential transition Web site at www.lasell.edu/presidential_transition.

"President de Witt's long and distinguished tenure as president — it will be 19 years when he steps down — is truly

unique at a time when the average college president serves just over six years," said Chairman of the Board and Lasell Village resident, Erik Stapper. "Tom has amassed an extraordinary record of accomplishments during the de Witt years. The transformation of Lasell from a single-sex, two-year college to a co-educational college offering both baccalaureate and graduate degree programs is nothing short of astonishing. We are most grateful to Dr. de Witt for bringing his leadership and vision to our campus."

Change — dramatic, positive, and galvanizing — has been the imprimatur of Thomas E. J. de Witt's presidency. His entrepreneurial spirit and aptitude for instigating change has led Lasell College to new pathways toward stability and success.

A list of Dr. de Witt's accomplishments, achieved during his presidency, clearly demonstrates his talent for advancing the agenda of the institution through an artful and agile balance of academics, fiscal astuteness, and pragmatic entrepreneurship.

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Alumna Bequeaths Lasell its Largest Gift



In what is the largest gift ever received by the institution, Evelyn Virginia Suor Butterworth '27, who died at the age of 99 on January 9, 2006, bequeathed \$5 million to Lasell.

"Our students, faculty and Board of Trustees are deeply grateful to Mrs. Butterworth for her generosity and unwavering, long-standing faith in Lasell," said Lasell president, Thomas

E.J. de Witt, who visited her every year at her home in Pennsylvania.

"Her philanthropy is a strong and clear vote of confidence for and trust in Lasell — which in so many ways is an institution very different from the one Evelyn Butterworth attended in the 1920s. Clearly her gift will resonate for years to come and impact positively on the life of this College."

Evelyn Butterworth was a real estate agent by profession. She was born in Buffalo, NY and started her career there at her father's firm, Suor and Suor Real Estate. Mrs. Butterworth was married to the late dermatologist, Thomas Butterworth, and resided with him in Reading, PA.

Committed to education and grateful for the experiences she garnered at Lasell, Mrs. Butterworth attended many reunions and said that she wanted "to give back some of the benefit she received" as a student at the College. While at Lasell, she was active in the Golf Club and resided in Woodland Hall and Hawthorne House. Her yearbook says of her, "E arnest, V aluable. Evelyn has won the esteem of her associates by her confidential manner."

Message from the President



Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is with mixed emotions — gratitude, anticipation and a little sadness — that I announce my retirement as president of Lasell College, effective June 30, 2007,

after what will be 19 years of service. Because this institution, which my family and I have come to cherish as our home, has experienced a profound transformation during my tenure, it is difficult to walk away from a challenge that turned into a labor of love. It is the right time, however, to relinquish the reins of this vibrant community to a new president.

The College is poised for greatness, with a newfound regional competitiveness, solid financial footing after almost two decades of balanced budgets, burgeoning enrollment, progressively stronger entering classes of students, and a cutting edge curriculum taught by outstanding faculty and supported by a talented, committed staff.

Our strength has come from a focus on innovation and our unwillingness to compromise. Lasell has transformed

itself from a fragile two-year single-sex institution into a robust, four-year co-educational college offering a unique graduate program. Its profile is enhanced by the creation of Lasell Village — the trend-setting continuing care retirement community with a mandatory learning component that has garnered international acclaim.

Lasell is ready to welcome a new, creative president who will join a superb leadership team. Under the stewardship of an engaged, entrepreneurial Board of Trustees, the College has invested \$40 million in new and renovated state-of-the-art facilities, expanded the residential capacity by 60% to over 900 beds, and added a stunning campus center and modern athletic venues. Lasell's nearly 1300 students are active in community service in the greater Boston area, across the nation, and abroad.

I am grateful to all of you who kept your faith in this venerable institution, supporting its remarkable renaissance with your gifts and talents. The Board of Trustees is organizing the community for a national search and will keep you all informed of developments. In the coming year, I hope to express my appreciation in person as I travel to alumni clubs to say goodbye.

Sincerely,

Thomas E.J. de Witt, Ph.D.

Growing with the Times

Future Trends in Aging & Technology

The aging of our citizens alters the needs this country must meet.

The RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies at Lasell takes a look at a range of technological changes that will occur at increasingly accelerated rates as science and technology attempt to keep up with the aging of our population — a staggering number known as the baby boomer generation. Those born between 1946

and 1964 account for 75 million people, and those born in the 1940s are now into their 60s.

Registration is \$40. However, there are a limited number of free registrations available for current members of the Lasell Community.

For further conference or registration information, please contact us at: 617-663-7111.

SAVE THE DATE

Future Trends in Aging & Technology
Wednesday, May 17, 2006 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Joseph Coughlin, Director, AgeLab, MIT

With additional presentations by:

Majd Alwan
Smart House Technology for
Aging in Place Independently

Pierre Larochelle
Assistive Robotics for the Elderly:
What the Future Holds

R. Martin Spencer
Mobile Service Robotics in
Eldercare Settings

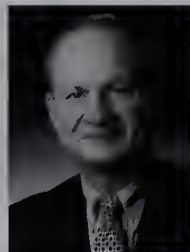
Susan L. Dimmick
The dynamics of Telehealth,
Telemedicine and Telehomehealth

Lydia Lundberg and Bill Reed
The Elite Care Story: A High Tech
Assisted Living Facility



Lasell Board Activity

New Trustee Elected



Lasell College is pleased to welcome a new member to the Board of Trustees.

John V. Pilitsis, Ph.D. was President

of the Optoelectronics Group at Lucent Technologies, Inc., retiring in 1998 after 30 years of service. Subsequent to his retirement from Lucent he has founded and/or managed a series of companies as CEO and President: MKQC, Inc., FiTEL Technologies, Inc., and CyOptics, Inc. These companies specialize in integrated circuits and photonic semiconductors for telecomm and broad band applications.

Dr. Pilitsis brought his expertise in information processing systems

planning, auditing, strategic visioning, marketing, and new product innovation to the work place and continues to lend them to both non-profit and for-profit institutions. He is currently serving on two corporate boards for U.S. and European companies, is industry consultant to several fiber optic companies, and serves as ombudsman for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs.

A graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Dr. Pilitsis received his M.S. and his Ph.D. from the University of Buffalo. He has traveled extensively through Europe, South East Asia, Japan, and China for business and vacation.

Applications Soar

Fashion Program Closed For September 2006

Because of its recognition as one of the finest fashion programs in New England, this year the Fashion Program received an overwhelming number of applications from highly qualified candidates. In order to preserve the integrity of the program and provide the

continued high quality connected learning experience for which it is known, the Office of Undergraduate Admission was forced to close its acceptance of new applications as of the first of April.

President de Witt Announces Retirement

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It was Thomas E. J. de Witt who served as chief architect for and driving force behind the following key initiatives:

- In 1989, Lasell applied for and received degree-granting authority as a four-year baccalaureate institution.
- In 1990, Lasell embarked on the creation of Lasell Village, a first-of-its-kind, life-long learning retirement community to be situated on the College campus. Today the Village stands as a shining example of how lifelong learning can enhance and vitalize lives.
- In 1998, Lasell's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to respond to the changing needs of its constituencies and expand the institution's 147-year mission as a women's college by admitting men. Today, more than 30 percent of Lasell students are male.
- During 19 years, Lasell built 22 new buildings, including 16 for Lasell Village.
- Lasell more than tripled its enrollment for full-time undergraduate students since 1988, increasing the number from 393 students in 1988 to 1194 students and 43 active graduate students in fall of '05.
- Lasell has enjoyed 18 years of balanced budgets and surpluses without deferring vital investment in physical plant.

A classically schooled academician, a former classroom lecturer, and a recognized management/financial expert, Dr. de Witt has a resume that boasts other dramatic transformation stories in the higher education arena. He strengthened the financial status of Regis College and, at Endicott College, he served as Executive Vice President for three years. Tom de Witt will be leaving his post at Lasell to enjoy some travel with his wife, Wellesley professor Dr. Margaret Ward, and also explore opportunities to write and consult.

"As virtually every student, faculty and staff member, parent, trustee and Lasell Village resident can attest, Tom de Witt's gift of leadership goes beyond recognizing the need for change by setting a course and leading the way. His understanding and appreciation of consensus-building has bolstered his

success as the College's chief executive," says Chairman Stapper. "His shoes will be difficult to fill."

He added, "As a resident of Lasell Village I have more than an academic interest in the successful completion of the search for his successor." 🍷

Peter J. Gomes, One of America's Greatest Preachers, to be Commencement Speaker on May 21, 2006

Behind a podium or from his church pulpit, the Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes — the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister at Memorial Church at Harvard University — is a veritable force of nature.

In his deep, resonating voice, he speaks with passion and conviction on themes of daily living, vividly using the wisdom of the scriptures to illuminate the way for eager listeners.

Peter J. Gomes, widely acclaimed as one of America's greatest preachers, will be the speaker and honorary degree recipient at Lasell College's 152nd commencement exercises on Sunday, May 21, 2006, at Taylor Field.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1942, the Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes is an ordained American Baptist minister who has served in the Memorial Church at Harvard University since 1970.

Professor Gomes holds degrees from Bates College (A.B., 1965), and from the Harvard Divinity School (S.T.B., 1968); and 14 honorary degrees. In 2001, Harvard University presented him with the Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Award. He

is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Cambridge, England, where the Gomes Lectureship is established in his name.

Named Clergy of the Year in 1998 by Religion in American Life, Professor Gomes participated in the presidential inaugurations of Ronald Reagan and of George Herbert Walker Bush. His New York Times and national best-selling books, *The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart*, (1996); and *Sermons: Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living* (1998), were published by William Morrow and Company, Inc., and he has published seven additional volumes of sermons as well as numerous articles and papers.

Profiled by Robert Boynton in *The New Yorker*, and interviewed by Morley Safer on *60 Minutes*, the Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes was included in the summer 1999 premiere issue of *Talk* magazine as part of its feature article, "The Best Talkers in America: Fifty Big Mouths We Hope Will Never Shut Up." 🍷



Donahue Scholar Howard Zinn Speaks About Political and Anti-War Activism

Dr. Howard Zinn — professor emeritus at Boston University — has spent the better part of his public and professional life railing against war and social injustice.

During a week of visits to classrooms and lecture halls at Lasell College last fall, the activist professor, author and playwright talked to students about his past, his experiences, and his philosophy, serving as a visiting scholar for the Donahue Institute for Values and Public Life. The mission of the Donahue Institute is to foster awareness of the importance of a civil society and to create sensitivity to the moral dimensions of choices individuals make.

Surprisingly soft spoken for a man with a reputation as a firebrand, with a winsome and wry sense of humor, Zinn was a genial guest, talking about his origins in Brooklyn, where he grew up in a working-class family, and about his youth as a shipyard laborer and later still, in World War II, serving in the Air Force as a bombardier.

"Dropping bombs from five miles high, I didn't see human beings, didn't hear screams, didn't see children dismembered," he said softly. It was only later, as a witness to history, seeing one war after another — most especially the tortured one in Vietnam — that his anti-war sensibilities blossomed.

After he returned from the Air Force, Howard Zinn attended Columbia University under the GI Bill and earned his Ph.D. in History. He taught at Spellman College in Atlanta, a school for black women, where he cut his activist teeth and became deeply and passionately involved in the Civil Rights movement, including participating in and advising the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

It was there that he learned firsthand that "liberties are not given, they are taken."

To Lasell students he talked about freedom and our perception of inalienable rights, and Zinn recalled how students came to him during those Spellman College days, asking if they had a "right" to leaflet.

"I said of course you have a right to leaflet. However, if a policeman comes up and says 'get out, no more,' and fingers his club or his gun, that 'right' may not seem so clear." Said Zinn, "Our rights depend on the context of atmosphere and our willingness to fight for them."

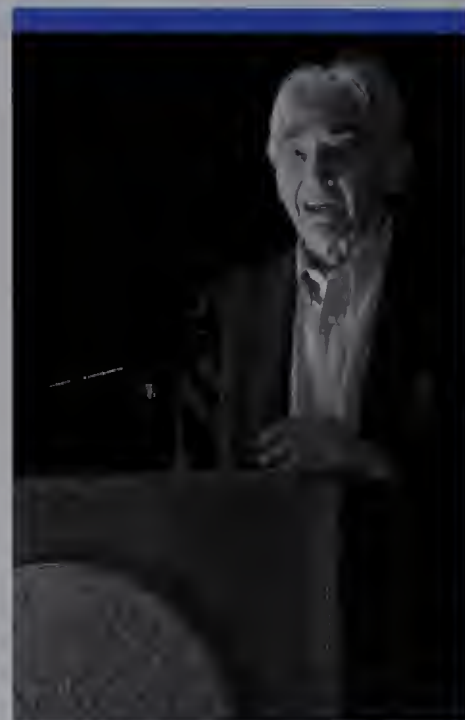
After talking over the loud droning of an air-conditioning system for several minutes, trying to be heard, the unit was shut off and Zinn mused playfully,

"Ah, finally my freedom of speech has been restored."

Zinn classifies himself as an anti-war activist "not a pacifist. To be a pacifist means you miss what you should be doing in life," he told his appreciative audience.

About the Constitution — particularly the first amendment, which proclaims the right to freedom of religion and freedom of expression from government interference — Zinn says, "people believe that laws are sacred. If it's written down it must be true." But, he cautions, "The Constitution is so powerful that people think it always works. Sometimes it does, and sometimes it doesn't."

As he wrote in the column he authors that appears regularly in *The Progressive*, "No Supreme Court, liberal or conservative, will stop the war in Iraq, or redistribute the wealth of this country, or establish free medical care for every human being. Such fundamental change will depend, the experience of the past suggests, on the actions of an aroused citizenry, demanding that the promise of the Declaration of Independence — an equal right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness — be fulfilled."



Dr. Howard Zinn

And he urged students not to hesitate to disagree and challenge. "Freedom of speech depends on us taking risks and sometimes getting arrested. In the past, when enough people took risks, the result was change."

About the current war in Iraq, Zinn is clear. "I hate it." He likes to quote Einstein, who said: "War cannot be humanized, it can only be abolished." Then he adds, "Support our troops absolutely...by bringing them home!" 🇺🇸

Patriotism, Citizenship, the Constitution and Immigration

Donahue Institute's Fall Panels Foster Discussion on Timely Issues

The topics were diverse, but there was much food for thought at the conclusion of two panel discussions sponsored by the Donahue Institute for Values and Public Life this fall. One was titled "Nationalism, Patriotism, and Citizenship: The U.S. Constitution" and the other was "On Being an Immigrant."

With the hot button issue of the Supreme Court nominations on everyone's mind, a discourse on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights seemed particularly timely. Professors Joe Aieta and Denny Frey asked students in the packed Rosen Auditorium about the founding fathers' intent when writing the Constitution. "We can only make guesses as to what they had in mind," Professor Aieta mused.

"Does the Constitution guarantee democracy?" asked Professor Frey. "In

point of fact, it encourages democracy and it's there to protect basic freedoms. The Bill of Rights is for citizens and non-citizens alike."

Certainly the seven students who participated on the "On Being an Immigrant" panel felt they had a voice and Nancy Miele '07, from South America, expressed how lucky she is to be living in the United States. "I have been here for 18 years and now I find it difficult when I return to Peru," she explained. "I have three children and I am trying to teach them about their heritage because they are really growing up as Americans. I want them to pull the best out of both cultures."

Students on the panel talked about trying to navigate in two worlds and dealing with language difficulties. "Text books are difficult to read and when I speak in class, I never know if what I



Amanda Wasowski '07, Sylvie Norian '06, Katherine Witham '07, Professor Joe Aieta and Professor Denny Frey field questions from the audience about the Bill of Rights.

say will come out right or wrong," said a participant.

"I'm from Egypt and Arabic was my first language," explained Marian Salama '09. "People don't know much about Egyptian culture and make bad jokes to cover up their ignorance. They don't understand that there can be vast differences between American and foreign societies."

"Things that Americans take for granted are sometimes forbidden," concurred Christhela Cordero '07. "For instance, I'm from El Salvador and body piercing is not allowed. My parents didn't get past high school. I have been given opportunities they never had and being at Lasell is certainly one of them." 🇺🇸

Helping to Rebuild

Honors Students Travel to New Orleans to Join Hurricane Katrina Clean-Up Efforts

"When we got on the plane for New Orleans we had no idea what we would be doing, but we found we were really needed," recalls Vinnie Allard '08. "Seeing what the citizens of New Orleans were up against after Hurricane Katrina was a humbling experience."

Vinnie was one of 13 members of Professor Neil Hatem's sophomore honors leadership class that traveled to New Orleans to serve as relief volunteers. They worked under the auspices of Friend Ships Unlimited, a non-profit organization that provides food, medicine, clothing, and other critical life support relief items to people in need.

Putting in 12 hour days, the group found they had unrealized inner resources and leadership skills.

The first step was a class fundraising effort to cover expenses. By contacting family, friends, and Tulane alumni, the students received \$5,000 and, upon their return, they donated the surplus to Friend Ships.

Melissa Martin, Lasell's Americorps*Vista volunteer, made the initial contact with Friend Ships, planned the itinerary, and was responsible for organizing a daily group reflection time. "The trip was heartbreaking and overwhelming," says Melissa. "There was an incredible chemistry between everyone and the students were very respectful of the people they interacted with. I know that as we left we wished we could have had more time. There is so much to be done and so few hands to do it."



Arriving in New Orleans, the group is excited to start work. (L to R) Front Row: Vista volunteer Melissa Martin, Danielle Blumenstock '08, Rachel Bard '08, Katelyn Rasich '08, Chelsea Comeau '08, and Nicole Ruggiero '08. Back Row: Chantal Coughlin '08, Laura Gallagher '08, Erika Burns '08, Mercedes Garcia-Bancroft '08, Anthony Gomes '08, Vincent Allard '08, Professor Neil Hatem, Trent Ostrander '08, and Anna Torvi '08.



Hard at work sorting donations are (L to R) Katelyn Rasich '08, Chelsea Comeau '08, Erika Burns '08, and (back to camera) Chantal Coughlin '08.

"We took a deep breath and said, 'Let's do it!'" says Nicole Ruggiero '08. "Everyone was so positive. We learned about ourselves and about how we worked as a group. Bonding together came with no effort."

The energy for the project came from Professor Hatem and the passion Hatem put into it set the tone and level of enthusiasm for the entire class. "I graduated from Tulane and as a student I fell in love with New Orleans. I was horrified by its devastation and felt I needed to do something. I also saw this as a huge opportunity for my class. In retrospect, this is the best thing I've ever done as a teacher. In a short period of time, I saw the students learn and grow."

The group was housed on Friend Ship's boat "Hope" that was moored directly under the Gretna Bridge, across the Mississippi from downtown New Orleans. "We slept in bunks that might as well have been file cabinets," laughs Mercedes Garcia-Bancroft '08. From this base, the students went out each day to a distribution center in City Park, located near the heart of the city.

"I worked at a Salvation Army drive-through food pantry," recalls Rachael Bard '08. "Others distributed clothes and any other supplies that were needed by the workers who had come to New Orleans to help with the clean-up effort."

"On our last day, we had to take down the huge tent that covered all of Friend Ship's

relief boxes, and then we started moving the cartons to the shelter of a nearby stadium. I'll never forget struggling with those tent poles," Rachael laughs, "and, after five hours of working steadily, we hadn't even begun to make a dent in all the supplies that needed to be relocated."

"We had fun but we seriously made a difference," says Chelsea Lee Comeau '08. "To see someone have their first hot meal in weeks or to be thrilled with a new shirt really made an impression."

"As time passes I think the students have looked back and realized what they accomplished," says Professor Hatem. "I was working with a group of real leaders who gained an understanding of what had happened in another city and who have been sharing what they learned with the rest of the Lasell community."

Men's Soccer Team Reaches Out to Katrina Victims



The entire men's soccer team banded together in a fundraising effort to help those devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Seen here sporting their "Lasell College Soccer/Hurricane Relief" tee shirts, the players' efforts were rewarded by raising \$1,640 which was donated to the American Red Cross. "In starting this effort, I wanted the team to understand the importance of giving to those in need. Too often they forget how fortunate they are, and it's times like these where not only can they do some good for their fellow man, but learn the value of giving as well," states Head Coach Giovanni Pacini.

Three Unique Approaches

Understanding Leadership is Topic of Sophomore Honors Classes



Michelle Purington '08 teaches two young Ward School students how to type in brail.

During the fall of their sophomore year, members of the Honors program all participate in a seminar that focuses on the concept of leadership, and the skills and social responsibilities that come with it. This year, Professors Neil Hatem, Sharyn Lowenstein, and Margo Lemieux each lead a section.

Professor Hatem's class raised money to go to New Orleans and help with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort (see story p. 5). The trip gave the class the opportunity to lend hands-on assistance,

opening their eyes to what was happening in a deeply stricken community, and developing their leadership skills.

While all the sections were not able to undertake such a dramatic project, "We all focused on student empowerment, media literacy, and communication skills," says Art Professor Lemieux. "Even though our specific projects were different, our overall goals were similar.

"Throughout history, poets and writers have been leaders, and I titled my seminar 'Heroes and Dreamers,'" she continues. "True leaders are people who use their imagination and bring ideas to a higher level. Leaders need to see beyond the present and dream of positive changes for the future."

The final class project was titled "Creativity as an Agent for Change" and each student picked an artistic medium to re-imagine the world to help bring about change. Students used poetry, music, story, and illustration to reflect their ideas of inspiration.

"I was impressed by the variety of presentations," says Professor Lemieux.

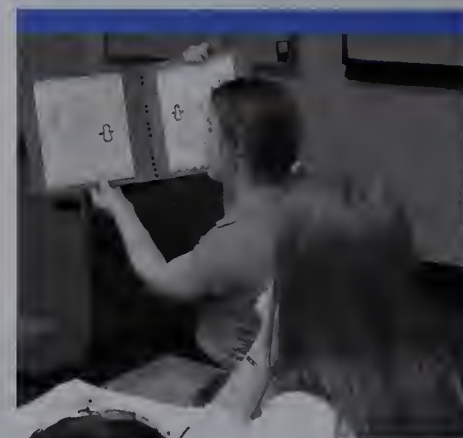
"Any form of art makes you put yourself on the line and through your own experience you give voice to others, including the underprivileged and undereducated. Intrinsically, art is connected learning and I watched the class develop tools that will help them interpret the world and see things in a new light."

Professor Sharyn Lowenstein's Honors section participated in the Newton school system's Understanding Our Differences (UOD) program which teaches children how to act with and include people with all types of disabilities. The particular unit the class focused on dealt with blindness and the group facilitated the program twice: at Newton's Lincoln-Elliott and Ward Schools.

"As the students trained for this, I watched the growth of a partnership," says Professor Lowenstein. "UOD requires group leadership and the ability to work with others. Each student contributes to the whole. When we did the blindness unit for the second time at the Ward School we had some timing and location issues, but the group pulled together and made the program run

seamlessly. As Laura Albano '08 said, 'We worked around these glitches with humor and perseverance.'"

"I found out that in order to be a leader in a team, it's all about communication," says Michelle Purington '08. "Everyone has to know what is going on at all times. Because we knew how to talk to each other, we were able to keep on top of everything. We came away feeling that the children understood how to be comfortable with someone who has a disability and to recognize that he or she is a person just like you."



Colleen King '08 reads from her illustrated children's book that tells the story of a young hero.

Math Builds a Community Connection

Education Students Tutor at Williams School

There are no minuses, just pluses, to the math tutoring program that exists between Lasell and Newton's Williams School. Every week, for 45 minutes, a group of Education students crosses over Grove Street to meet one-on-one with 11 second and third graders to give them math assistance after their regular day is done.

"It's a good fit for both schools," says Education Department Chair Catherine Zeek, who works with the participating Lasell students. "We are hoping that by early intervention we will be able to help the children resolve any math issues that they might have. We want the logic that they need to be in place before they head to the intermediate grades.

"Our first goal is to support the children," Professor Zeek continues, "and via connected learning, the Lasell students get hands-on work and develop habits of planning and reflection. They create weekly lesson plans for their meetings and when done, they are asked to think about what they learned about the child and the activity."

The tutoring program is not part of a specific Education class. Some of the students are volunteering, some are doing it as a linked-credit, and some are fulfilling a field requirement. The Newton School Volunteer Office gave all of them training, including curriculum and terminology, and then they plunged in.

"We want the sessions to be fun as well as instructive," explains Professor Zeek. "The students use manipulatives that include fake money, clocks, cards, and dice. We also try to connect math and literature by reading books that have fun ways of telling about sorting and groups. They might also discuss the seasons and the days of the week."

"I'm with a third grade boy and he loves working with coins," says Erica Comstock '07. "The tutoring is part of my Literacy in Early Childhood Education class and Professor Zeek worked closely with us on how to apply language arts to areas such as math. During high school I volunteer-taught in a first grade math class and that's when



(L to R) Stephanie Benson '07, Erica Comstock '07, Jennifer Stedman '09, Colleen King '08, Jennifer Greska '08, Jennifer Donalds '07, and Kyle McKay '07 relax after their student partners head home. Missing: Sarah Maietta '09, Leigh Peltak '07, Victoria Hargis '06, and Jayme Rautenberg '07.

I discovered how much I love it. I know that wherever I teach I will incorporate a strong math component."

At the Williams School, third grade teacher Jason Naroff serves as the official connection between Lasell and the Williams' students. He is the on-site curriculum expert, is familiar with the terminology that the Williams teachers are using in class, and is available to

answer any questions that the Lasell students might have.

"Our youngsters love working with college-age students," says Jason. "The program has given the children an enormous boost in confidence and reinforces the skills that they are covering in class. The extra help and support is very beneficial."

Reaching Out to Community

Fashion Students Redesign Mammogram Robes for Newton-Wellesley Hospital



(L to R) Professor Maritza Farrell, Professor Joan Morris, Holeigh Filkins '06, Lindsay McMahon '06 and Kristy Holmes '08 sit in front of the robes designed for the Women's Imaging Center at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

"Any woman who has had a mammogram will tell you that the hospital 'johnnies' that are handed out before the procedure are dehumanizing, unattractive, and often hard to organize and tie," says Fashion Professor Joan Morris. "There are several members of the Lasell faculty who are breast cancer survivors and, in conversation, the idea of initiating a student design

project with the Newton-Wellesley Hospital came up, its aim being to design and produce garments that are both easy to use and made out of nicely patterned material."

The administration of the hospital was very receptive to the proposal and this fall, as a community service project, students eagerly joined Professor

Morris and Fashion Professor Maritza Farrell in the design process. "We opened it up to anyone who was interested," says Professor Morris. "Some of the students did it as an honors project and some as part of their community service. The mother of one student is a mammographer, so she was very aware of the situation.

There are many practical considerations to be incorporated in the designs. The imaging center at Newton-Wellesley Hospital sees 700 patients a week, resulting in a high "johnny" turnover.

"Not only do we have to be concerned with protecting patients' privacy, we additionally have to think about how buttons, snaps, and Velcro stand up to the constant washing of the gowns," explains Professor Morris. "We also need to think about ways to keep the cost of manufacturing this many robes down."

In the late fall, Deborah Lockhart, director of Women's Imaging at the hospital, came to Lasell to review the students' designs, which were displayed on small dummies. In recognition of all the work that Professor Morris had put into the

project, the students called their designs "Jonis" (pronounced Joanies) instead of "johnnies."

The pros and cons of each sample were discussed with Ms. Lockhart and choices were narrowed down. Two full-sized "Jonis" were then made to fit dress forms and the Lasell team scheduled a time to take both the small and full-sized garments to Newton-Wellesley for a meeting with the entire Imaging Unit staff.

"The technicians might have different opinions than the administrators, and we want everyone to be satisfied before we make the final decision," says Professor Morris. "Once a design is agreed upon, we will make 10 to 20 samples before we embark on the construction of 700 gowns.

"Like many projects, getting final approval seems to be the hardest thing to accomplish. We also need to decide on how to finance the project and have several plans under consideration. I am so pleased with the energy that the students have put behind this. We are all looking forward to seeing patients in Lasell-designed and constructed robes."

Newton Girl Scouts Learn While Having Fun

Math/Science Fair Organized by Education Majors

"What a great way to show kids how science and math is all around us," said a Brownie Girl Scout Leader as she left Lasell's second annual Math/Science Fair that was put on by the students in Professor Amy Maynard's Mathematics & Science Concepts in Elementary Education class. "It was just the right combination of fun and learning. The scouts' only disappointment was when we told them it was time to leave."

Approximately 50 girls from grades one through five filled de Witt Hall where Rishana Scoullar '06 and Mike Unwin '06 gave a welcome speech and explained how the fair would work. The scouts were then broken up into groups that rotated through the activity tables. There was a wide spectrum of projects, including making butter, planting seeds, making clouds in a soda bottle, and playing money bingo.

"Each student had to create their own activity and write an education plan," explains Professor Maynard. "I was really just a facilitator. They brainstormed as a group and worked through it by themselves. They deserve all the credit for organizing and making the day such a success."

"It was great seeing the kids have such a good time and we had a blast doing it. It made learning how to teach math and science fun," says Mike. "My project used balloon rockets and was designed to explain the difference between potential and kinetic energy. As we blew the balloons up we discussed potential energy and I tied math in by making them estimate how far a balloon would fly. As we released them (kinetic energy), I could see the girls get excited. I really enjoyed it."

Besides the activity tables, there was also a grab bag. "Each senior brought in items for it," explains Mike. "In keeping with my energy theme, I put in yoyos and slinkies." The students also made a giant bar graph with canned food and

later donated the cans to the Newton Food Pantry.

"I loved it," exclaimed a scout as she left the fair. "Mommy, don't forget about this next year."



Robin Lowe '06 explains how to make butter to a group of junior Girl Scouts. The girls then got to taste their creations.

"Shoulder to Shoulder" Program Widens Scope

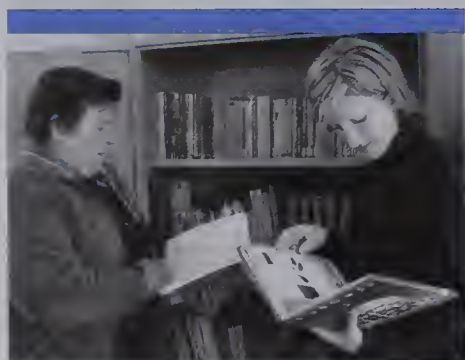
Grants Enable Faculty Members to Conduct Research and Reach Out to Mexican Communities

"I never knew I would be involved in such intimate and meaningful community service," reflects Fashion Professor Jill Carey. "I went on this year's alternative spring break to study traditional Mexican dress, to collect garments for Lasell's Museum Collection, and to enhance the multi-cultural aspects of the Fashion History courses I teach. What I wasn't prepared for was the total cultural immersion that took place and the intense connection that was formed between our faculty, participating students, our Mexican partners, and all the people we met and worked with."

January 2006 marked the fourth year of Lasell's service-learning trip ("Shoulder to Shoulder") to Veracruz, Mexico. The program has grown from a total of five students in 2003 to 11 this year. Through grants, faculty participation has also grown, enabling them to integrate into their classes what they have learned and thus affecting many more students than those who actually participate in the trip.

This year Professors Jill Carey and Tessa LeRoux traveled with the group, as did Brennan Librarian Lydia Pittman. "I have always been interested in promoting literacy in developing communities, and starting a library collection for our Mexican partners seemed a natural fit," says Lydia.

In December, as part of their service learning experience, this year's 11 "Shoulder to Shoulder" students helped Lydia organize a book sale. "We raised \$1,300 and sent the money to an account we had established in Mexico. The rural elementary school in Coatapec had told us what types of books would be most useful to them," explains Lydia. "Besides children's books, they also suggested books on cooking, sewing, and woodworking that would serve as resources for the families."



(L to R) Principal Beatriz Sanchez and Lasell Librarian Lydia Pittman look at the books that were donated to the Coatapec elementary school.



(L to R) Costume historian Miguel Velez and Professor Jill Carey discuss the intricate details of Mexican folkloric dress.

"I went on a shopping trip a few days after we arrived and we picked out 300 books and a bookcase. We also bought transparent covers and labels so that the books can be protected and inventoried. The families there don't have strong borrowing and reading habits, so we need to follow-up and make sure that the books are used properly."

Sociology Professor Tessa LeRoux had gone on the trip two years ago and returned this year to complete her research. "In 2004, I was accompanied by two sociology majors who spent much of their time interviewing the Mexican women," recalls Professor LeRoux. "Last year Professor Helen Alcala did 30 hours of follow-up interviews with these women. I then analyzed and compiled all the information for a presentation in March 2005 in Mexico City to the Committee on Family Research, a wing of the International Sociological Association. It was a unique opportunity to interact with scholars who are doing their research on Latin American women."

"In Coatapec, the economy is shifting from coffee to sugar production and the changes are deeply affecting the lives of women. The eradication of the coffee bushes not only has environmental effects but also cuts deeply into the traditional way of life. Women used to pick the coffee beans from the bushes that grew close to their homes, with their children staying close by. Because of the physical nature of caning, combined with the lack of child-care options, they now have to turn to domestic work."

"I hope that the students bring back an understanding of the social forces that shape lives. When doing community service, there is a moral responsibility that comes along with it," concludes Professor LeRoux.

During the spring semester, Professor Carey's "History of 20th Century Fashion" class and Professor LeRoux's "Introduction to Sociology" class are putting together a fundraising exhibit that will open in May. The cultural and historical connection of Mexican clothing will be tied in with student papers that cover related social issues.

"We hope that this exhibition will help provide an understanding of the relationship between traditional Mexican dress and how clothing and decoration are symbolic of this unique and rich culture," says Professor Carey.

A Growing Web

Past Groundwork Leads to Future Projects

"As we grow closer each year to our incredible Mexican partners, the more they share with us and the more our projects expand," says Foreign Language Professor Helen Alcala, the driving force behind "Shoulder to Shoulder."

"We are hoping to be able to continue this trend."

"This year, because of our four-year connection with Gregorio Romero Nestor, we were able to go to his remote indigenous village located high in the mountains above Nogales. To help support themselves, the women there want to learn dressmaking and embroidery skills. With a great deal of pleasure, we presented a sewing machine to four women who will form a 'teaching team' and impart their skills to the others. A second machine is being held in reserve by Gregorio, and eventually he will pass it on to another group of women who will also become teachers. This is an example of how a little money can go a long way," says Professor Alcala.

Donations' Far Reach:

\$250	Half of what it costs to take a student to the service area
\$100	Material and hoops for the sewing and embroidery project
\$ 65	A small, efficient wood-burning stove
\$ 50	Metal to repair the kitchens where stoves are installed
\$ 35	Tank of gas for the truck that takes students to service sites
\$ 5	Pipe for new stove

If you wish to learn more, email Professor Alcala at Halcala@lasell.edu.



The Lasell group shares in the excitement of the presentation of the new sewing machine to the village teachers.

Past Trustee Board Chairman Backs Film

Award Winning Documentary Highlights Child Trafficking in the Golden Triangle



(L to R) Patty Zinkowski, past Trustee Board Chairman, and her friend Jenny Stevens prepare to hand out informational material before the film begins.



(L to R) Chelsea Comeau '08, Taylor Staubach '09, and Leah Robinson '08 display the poster they created of young Thai women for their Women's Studies class. The photo fades from color, to grey scale, to a black hole that represents all the girls that have disappeared into the abyss of child trafficking.

"It's all about the kids," says Patty Zinkowski, of the movie "Daughters and Sons — Preventing Child Trafficking in the Golden Triangle." Patty served as Chairman of Lasell's Board of Trustees from 1996 to 1998 and returned to campus this fall to share her experiences with the College. The members of Professor Tessa LeRoux's Women's Studies class were particularly interested, as three of her students had recently done a presentation on the countries involved.

"When I traveled to Thailand at the urging of Jane McBride, my co-producer, I was hit in the face by what was happening to these young children who are being sold into prostitution. We wanted to do something that would highlight their plight and build awareness," explains Patty.

The Golden Triangle encompasses the northern corner of Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar (Burma) and this is where the victims of the trafficking reside. The majority of residents of this area are hill tribe people who don't have legitimate citizenship. They have migrated here with the false hope of finding jobs but end up without access to education, healthcare, or legitimate work opportunities.

Brothel owners comb the area, promising families that their financial worries will be eased by selling their young daughters for money. "Some of the girls are as young as six and once they are taken they lose everything that is of value to them," explains Patty.

Returning from her first trip to Thailand, Patty sent out an email blast to everyone she could think of, asking

for clothing donations. "We went back with trunks," she recalls, "but we wanted to do something that would bring more attention to the problem. That's when we came up with the idea of making the film."

While in Thailand, Patty met Sompop Jantraka, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and director and founder of the Daughters Education Program (DEP). Jantraka opened the DEP Center in 1989 because he was convinced that an opportunity for education and job training in a sheltered environment would reduce the chances of young girls becoming prostitutes.

The documentary focuses on three children who live at Jantraka's center. Their touching words bring to life what they have escaped and their new hopes for the future. "It's a testament

to the power of one," says Patty. "Jantraka has saved these children and we hope that the film will enlighten and inspire viewers."

The questions from the audience following the film testified to its effectiveness and to the value of connected learning. Said Professor LeRoux, "Chelsea Comeau '08, Taylor Staubach '09, and Leah Robinson '08 had just made a presentation on this topic, focusing on child trafficking and the agencies that are trying to bring about change. Patty is a very compelling speaker and her film brought immediacy to the problem and expanded the students' grasp of the seriousness of the situation."

First Year Students Recognized

Diane Donatio Memorial Prize for Excellence in Essay Writing

Professor of English and Communication Diane Donatio constantly fostered her students' passion for writing and creativity and they immediately responded to her enthusiasm and guidance. When she unexpectedly passed away last spring, the *Diane Donatio Memorial Prize for Excellence in Essay Writing* was established in her memory.

"Although Diane loved teaching all her courses, she particularly enjoyed teaching Writing 1," says English Professor Mimi Reddicliffe. "She always encouraged students to do their best.

And because of Diane's belief in them, students wrote essays of which they were extremely proud.

"As the English faculty read all of this year's essays to decide which would receive awards, one faculty member said, 'If Diane were here, she would have wanted to give every student an award because she would have found something great in each essay.'"

This year's first prize went to Erica Desautels '09 for her essay *Pole Vaulting*. Second prize went to Maggie

Mathews '09, and third prize was awarded to Chanyong Pak '09.

"Diane would feel honored to have a living memorial in her name that offers encouragement to students striving to become proficient writers," continues Professor Reddicliffe. Contributions to this ongoing project can be made by contacting Dean for Institutional Advancement Ruth Shuman at rshuman@lasell.edu.



(L to R) Director of First Year Writing Carole Center and English Professor Mimi Reddicliffe stand with essay winners Chanyong Pak '09, Erica Desautels '09, Maggie Mathews '09 and Professor Diane Donatio's uncle, Albert Donatio.

A Night to Remember

Lasell Students Take Top Honors at Philippe Starck Fashion Competition



The garments designed by nine Lasell students for the Starck fashion show were all exceptional, and two were award winning.

"I was so proud of the nine Lasell students who participated in the high profile fashion show and competition, 'Boston apres Starck,' sponsored by the French Library," says Fashion Professor Lynn Blake. "The theme was garments that reflect the philosophy of the famous Parisian industrial designer Philippe Starck and the students threw themselves into the project wholeheartedly.

"To have seniors Tessa Brazel and Avari Thomas be awarded first and second place was an unbelievable ending for the spectacular evening. And, the icing on the cake was that Tessa won a trip to Paris and Avari received tickets to Montreal so that she could attend Fashion Week there."

"I was in awe," recalls Avari. "I thought, 'Did we really win?!' Then the tears came. I was so proud of myself. What a crazy night."

Tessa had a similar reaction. "When I heard my number called out as the winning design, I flipped. I was extremely nervous the day before the competition while pulling everything together. By the time the show actually began I was numb, and that made winning all the more unbelievable."

It took a lot of time and hard work to get to the moment of judging. Professor Blake learned of the competition in late May, after the students had left for the

summer. "I didn't hesitate calling the girls to see if they would give up some of their vacation time," she recalls.

"To be asked to participate in such a prestigious event and to compete head on with students from Massachusetts College of Art and the School of Fashion Design was an opportunity we couldn't miss."

The group met many times over the summer. They watched videos about Starck and reviewed the contest's design criteria: the garments were limited to the colors white and orange and were to reflect Starck's functional principles of design. At subsequent meetings, the students critiqued each other's drawings

and discussed fabrics. "We became very connected to each other," recalls Tessa. "The harder we worked, the more real the competition seemed."

"I greatly respect this lovely group of young women who represented the College with grace, poise, sensitivity, and integrity. Our success is a clear example of the power of connected learning," says Professor Blake.

"These students went beyond what was required of them. They researched and examined this project from all possible perspectives and exhibited industry level performance. They deserve recognition." 🌟

Fashion Students Hard at Work on "Polished"



(L to R) Victoria Zaleski '09, Maggie Mathews '09, Professor Stephen Fischer, Camille Gillman '08, Christine Maturo '07, Professor Becky Kennedy, (front row) Laura Notarangelo '09, Erin Van Alstyne '06, Alisha Autiello '08, and Kelly Pelletier '09.

At the initial planning meeting for the spring edition of "Polished," Lasell's student-driven fashion magazine, students and faculty exchanged ideas. "We've expanded the focus of this issue and I'm excited by the high quality of student participation," says Creative Director Stephen Fischer. "We want to give special thanks to Harriet (Honey) Markham Wedeman '48, our publisher. A generous benefactor to the College, the "Polished" staff is grateful for her support." 🌟

Graphic Design League of Lasell is Formed



(L to R) Danica Huppe '06 and Sylvie Norian '06, members of the newly formed Graphic Design League (GDL), stand with their work at the December art show in the Wedeman Gallery.

For the Graphic Design League's (GDL) first show, students were asked to submit two-dimensional artwork and a panel of faculty and student GDL members selected the pieces that were shown. The GDL of Lasell was formed this past fall to encourage a spirit of unity and collaboration in the graphic arts community on campus and to promote connected learning experiences for students with the larger communities of Boston and beyond. 🌟

Archives Addition Catalyst for Other Library Improvements

By Allyson Gray, director, Brennan Library

Summer of 2005 was a time of major change for the library. But it began way before that. Go back with us to the beginning of our long association with Jean Michael Petersen, class of '39. She volunteered in the library for 20 years doing all kinds of jobs. In 1986, we began to transform our collection to one that could be circulated on a computer and Jean was there. She helped put "barcodes" into each book. In 1989 we began to put electronic strips into each book to deter theft and Jean was there. Jean Petersen came faithfully every Monday morning to help us. When the electronic strips project was complete, Jean began to volunteer her help in the Archives. She did this for 10 more years. Because Jean was there, she knew first hand how crowded our Archives were. That was the beginning of her idea to build an addition to the Archives in the area that at the time was a roof.

In 1999, Jean asked the President if he could include the Archive's expansion in the renovations for the Winslow Academic Center. President de Witt liked the idea, but the estimate for the cost of such a project (\$100,000) would have meant not finishing the Winslow Academic Center and building the electronic classrooms. He put the idea on

the list of future projects. Jean was undeterred. At the 2004 annual Holiday Party, Jean announced to President de Witt that she would give us the \$100,000. When the cost, as construction always does, rose, Jean made up the \$30,000 difference. We would have a beautiful room and new furniture to go in it, thanks to Jean.

As President de Witt said at the dedication of the new Archives room, her decision to fund the Archives expansion with a \$130,000 gift was transformative. That gift was the catalyst for so many other changes. One of the major ones was the library carpet. Perhaps some of you recall the 30 year old torn and patched-with-duct tape carpet on the second floor of the library? Our book collection, consisting of 18 bookcases 21 feet long covered that carpet. Do you know how we moved those 11,000 linear feet of books so that we could install a rug? There is a machine, a little "caterpillar forklift," that is used by libraries. This little caterpillar can lift a fully loaded book case 21 feet long and 6 feet high. It picked up the bookcases and moved them over to one side while the new rug was installed on the other side. But we didn't stop there. The President heard that the students needed study



President de Witt toasts Jean and Clint Petersen at the opening of the new addition to the Archives.

rooms and since we were going to be moving bookcases, he reasoned, "why not complete the move and make room for the study rooms?" The library staff moved a third of the collection to the first floor to give us one whole section of empty space to build the study rooms. An anonymous benefactor gave a gift to name the study rooms in memory of Helen L. Beede '21.

On November 18, 2005, we celebrated the many changes in the library — new carpet, rearranged books, and four new study rooms. And most important of all, our new Archives space had new furniture and looked every inch an appropriate space to have people use the Archives collections. 🍷

1930's Draped Garment Exhibit



(L to R) Julie Flemming '07, Janelle Moynagh '07, Meagan Cann '07, Tessa Brazel '06, Holeigh Filkins '06, and Katie Kleinberg '06 were participants in Professor Jill Carey's History of 20th Century Class's "1930's Draped Garment Exhibit."

History of 20th Century Fashion requires students to install an exhibit, a project that requires them to use their fashion design, research, and marketing skills. This year, instead of using pieces from Lasell's Museum Collection, the students decided to showcase 12 garments from the 1930s that had been created in Professor Lynn Blake's draping class. Research papers accompanied each piece and the students also created a CD of historical facts voiced over 1930s music that ran while the exhibit was open. 🍷

Costume Society of America Symposium



The team whose project was "Curves of the Sheath Dress: Representing a Study on Female Costume of Ancient Egypt" is in the above photo: (L to R) Christina DeLuca '08, Kara Donahue '08, Heather Delos Reyes '08, and Nyndia Diligent '08.

Underwritten by a Davis Grant, Professor Jill Carey's Fashion History class attended a symposium titled "What is Disguise? Authenticity Versus Deception in Dress & Appearance," presented by the Costume Society of America at the Peabody Essex Museum. Teams of students had written papers relevant to this topic and three groups were selected by Professor Carey to continue on to a student research forum at Framingham State College. "It was a tremendous commitment in terms of mentoring, but to see students achieve at this level was a career defining experience," says Professor Carey. "They did an incredible job and were presenting along side of people who were doing their dissertations." 🍷

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence

Professor Clemencia Chiappe Shares her Expertise and Experience with Lasell



Professor Clemencia Chiappe

This year the Social Sciences department is very fortunate to have Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence and Sociology Professor Clemencia Chiappe as part of its team. She has a full schedule, which includes

teaching two courses each semester, but she is always happy to take some time to discuss the beauties of her home country, Colombia, and its capital, Bogota. She will also tell you that she is the one who is benefiting the most from the Fulbright exchange. "I am learning every day," she exclaims. "I am discovering how to connect with students from another culture and I am truly enjoying every minute of my New England experience."

Professor Chiappe has always been curious about the world that surrounds her, and has spent considerable time doing public service and international work. After receiving her undergraduate degree in sociology from the Universidad Javeriana in Bogota, she headed to the University of California/Berkeley for her M.A. in Education. "Looking back, I think my temperament is more New England than Californian. In Bogota, we are more reserved. The Latino blood is more evident in the coast and the valleys of Colombia.

Like Californians, they are the ones that know how to move," she laughs.

Always open to new challenges, in 1983 Professor Chiappe decided to leave her teaching post at Universidad Javeriana in order to join the World Bank. "When I was based in Washington D.C. I did not have an American experience. I traveled 60 percent of the time and my work took me to the Portuguese-speaking countries of Africa, to Asia, and to Latin America."

As a World Bank officer, she helped countries shape education and health projects and was involved with early childcare and education for mothers. "We were concerned with the concrete matters that go into an educational project — what type of training was necessary for the teachers, what text books were needed. We had to put the pieces together, budget, and then implement the programs," she explains.

After 10 years, she returned to Colombia. At the request of the newly elected mayor of Bogota, she was appointed director of the city's public television station. There she researched and implemented cultural and educational programs to be used in the schools. She also implemented programs where the average citizen could participate — a place where the citizens could express their ideas, make their requests from government, and communicate among themselves. "Public television should be like the Agora for the Greeks," she says.

Professor Chiappe is now enjoying her return to teaching and her Fulbright experience. "I never tire of watching, and love the interaction with my cohorts and my students. Communication is so important. We must all learn how to open our hearts and minds." 🌟

Professor Stephen Sarikas Publishes Anatomy and Physiology Textbook

For Professor of Science Stephen Sarikas, Ph.D., publishing a textbook called "Laboratory Investigations in Anatomy & Physiology" (Benjamin Cummings) has been a labor of love — though it took five years to complete. But today Dr. Sarikas is one happy published author, and his Lasell students and colleagues are proud of him!

"I've been working on it for ages now," he reports about what started as a hand-made lab book designed to aid his students. "It began as a small in-house project when I started compiling hand-outs for students in 1996. I didn't have any intention of publishing it; it was something I created for my students.

"But in 2000, when I went on sabbatical, I started adding a lot of additional information and one day I looked at page numbers, and I was stunned to see that there were more than 300. I realized then that I was writing a book."

Having never done a book before, Professor Sarikas sought the advice of a sales rep for Benjamin Cummings. It was she who spurred him on. "She encouraged me to submit a proposal," he says, still somewhat amazed by the process.

Dr. Sarikas wrote the proposal, included writing samples and illustrations, and "I sent it off without any real confidence that it would be accepted."

Then, "one day in my office," Dr. Sarikas recalls, "I got a call from the vice president of the Applied Sciences division of Benjamin Cummings in San Francisco who liked what I had sent and wanted me to sign a contract. In classic Hollywood movie style, Benjamin Cummings flew Professor Sarikas to San Francisco to discuss the terms and conditions of publishing his book.

That was in 2001, and once Dr. Sarikas' signature was dry on the contract, the real work started. "The book has gone through a remarkable transformation since I began this project," he reports. "Still it represents the essence of what I envisioned. Now, it's just more of a balanced product."

He had focused originally on anatomy before realizing that he needed to include more physiology for balance. "Although the author is the 'director' of the book, and writes it and has a certain vision of it, and even selects the art to support that vision, the manuscript does go through many rounds of peer review

and publisher scrutiny." Colleagues all over the country were given chapters to read by the publisher and asked to critique them.

"You have to have a thick skin to go through peer reviews," he concedes. Although his were relatively painless, reviewers can get too picky and even nasty. "My reviews were pretty good. They liked the writing style and thought the organization of material was good, but there were a few who weren't constructive in their reviewing...I weighed the opinion of some more heavily than others. But it really helps to take your ego and put it in the closet when those peer reviews come in. You need to have an open mind and be flexible.

"My motivation as an educator was to try to put together the best project I could for my students." But, the publisher is in business to make money and wants to transform the book into a marketable commodity. As a result, Dr. Sarikas did endure some typical publishing frustrations, including three changes of editors that meant procedural transitions for the fledgling author. But overall, he admits, the process was relatively painless.



Professor Stephen Sarikas

"Yes," he concedes, "it was well worth it. In terms of time and complexity, it involved more time than my dissertation writing process required," he says. "But now that it's done, I have a lot more free time!"

Dr. Sarikas will probably be appearing at various publisher tradeshow to represent and promote the new book. Can the Oprah show be far behind? 🌟

Class Notes

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Because of the possibility of unexpected changes, in general, we do not publish future events, but will be delighted to announce weddings and those events that have already taken place.

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1930's

1933

Louise Newell Audette writes, "I am going on a 7-day cruise to the Caribbean with my sister. It is a health and fitness trip through AARP for seniors."

1934

An update from Midge Jones Joslyn: "I am in good health and turned 91 in December. I have been married twice and am a widow. I have three children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandsons."

1936

"Hope to see you at our 70th reunion," writes Dorothy Paine Chaucer. "My children and grandchildren keep me interested." Dorothy and her husband celebrated 62 years together.

1938

Flo Kent Parks has a new great-granddaughter.

Our sincere condolences to Arlene Wishart Sylvester on the death of her sister in November.

Faye Wadhams Smith is still bowling twice a week and doing volunteer work.

1939

Our sincere condolences to Marie Dunston Murray on the death of her husband, Donald, in June 2002.

Frances Shepard Pilkington proudly boasts, "Still driving, have my own teeth, and can read the newspaper without glasses!"

1940's

1940

Nancy Bailey Black turned 85 in December. She says, "I still play golf several times a week. I hope my granddaughter will attend Lasell in 2009."

From Londonderry, NH, Edythe MacDonald Dowd is pleased to report good health and independent living. She is an active member of the senior center and enjoys her four great-grandchildren.

1941

Janet Lowe Kammire would love to attend reunion weekend but her granddaughter is getting married in Texas that same weekend.

1942

"Still hale and hearty," writes Ruth Bowlend Eckhoff. Ruth holds the position of secretary on the Board of Directors in her community. She says, "I am using the skills I learned at Lasell."

Our sincere condolences to Betty Polhemus Davies on the death of her husband, Karl. Betty says, "I keep busy with community activities and family."

After her husband died two years ago, Elaine Robins Albert sold her home and moved to an independent living situation. She says, "I love it here and keep busy all day with bridge, the fitness center, and many activities."

Georgia Stamatatos Critsley and her husband, Anthony, have decided to retire from the jewelry shop they own and run in West Roxbury, MA. Georgia is not sure if they will close the store or sell it to someone, but she would like to see it stay open. Their retirement plans are still uncertain. "Most likely, we will pack a suitcase and go somewhere."

1943

Our sincere condolences to Patricia Bixby McHugo on the death of her sister, Geraldine Bixby Averill '41, in January.

Virginia Collins Canavan announces the birth of her first great-grandchild, a boy, born in February 2005.

Our sincere condolences to Priscilla Spence Hall on the death of her husband, Allen.

1944

Ruth Blaisdell Simmons visited with June Carew Mange and her husband last summer, and Ruth frequently sees Marjorie Wing Berry and her husband.

1945

Betty Bagnall Woidyla was sorry to miss her 60th reunion, but was unable to travel at the time. She says, "It amazes

me to read of the new Lasell with men and women. It was also nice to read about Sue Slocum Klingbeil helping out with the gathering. We were good friends."

Lindy Ford Marsh and Virginia Amesbury Stone '38 recently took a drive through the Lasell campus. Lindy writes, "We were amazed and impressed with it all."

1946

"The 60th reunion is coming up in May for the Class of 1946. How exciting," writes Lynn Blodgett Williamson. We wish Lynn a speedy recovery from knee surgery.

Raemary Chase Duryea continues to go to Palm Desert, CA, for the winter and plays lots of golf.

Mary Jane Magnusson Megroz is enjoying her 11 grandchildren. She spends time in her homes on Long Island and in Larchmont, NY, and goes to Puerto Rico for two months.

Jean Watson Wetrich's son who has been in Bahrain for 10 years should be coming home soon. Jean has four great-grandchildren.

Meri Zanleoni Goyette "is 80 going on 40," according to an article written about her in the local Nashua, NH newspaper. "Throughout her adult life, Meri has been a tireless promoter of the needy, the underprivileged, and the unsung." Her latest success was the Salvation Army/baseball fundraiser in December.

1947

Betty Carter Steele and her husband both turned 78 in 2005. She says, "At present, we are pretty well for a couple of old fogies." Betty remains active in her local historical society, her church, and the senior center. Any spare time, she spends writing, and she also belongs to a local writer's group. Betty and her husband have slowed down as far as traveling. Last January they spent a week in the Florida Keys, and every month they visit Betty's mother who is turning 100 and lives in New Hampshire.

Jeanne Franklin Bates is still living in her home in Dennis on Cape Cod but spends the winters in Naples, FL.

"Just returned from London aboard the Queen Mary II," writes Mary-Ida Hanson Olson. "Fabulous! I feel so fortunate to be able to travel this way."

Joyce Hayes Whitman is an active volunteer. She drives for "meals on wheels," reads to pre-nursery school children at the library, and is the recording secretary for the Friends of the Library.

From New Port Richey, FL, Jean Morgan Koenitzer writes, "With all the hurricanes, I have been doing mission work for the survivors. It is so sad." On a happier note Jean says, "I am glad Lasell is doing so well. I enjoy hearing all the news."

1948

"Thanks to the efforts of the Stanford Medical Center staff, I am back on my feet after coping with toxic shock," writes Carol Galligan Massard.

June Smith Noreen enjoys her solar home in Meredith, NH. She says, "It works well even in our snowy, northern winters."

1949

An update from Lucile Merrill Birch: "We keep busy in our quiet way in Lyme, NH. My hobbies include growing orchids, caring for canaries and finches, reading, gardening with help from the pros, cooking for my spouse who loves to eat, and photography. I turn photos into cards and calendars for family and friends. We get quite a bit of living into each day. Cheers to one and all."

Joan Wolfe Wickham writes, "My husband and I happily continue to visit with Gene Starrett Anderson and her husband in Florida and Cohasset, MA, three times a year."

Class of 1950



In June, four members of the Class of 1950 had a mini-reunion in Newport, RI. They all agreed it was a wonderful visit. (L to R) Astrid Selander Fowler, Betty MacInnes Deal, Anne Mastin Egner, Lois Schaller Toegemann.

1950's

1950

Nancy Frank Marks and her husband went on a cruise to Tahiti and South America.

Marjorie Gilbert Knipper's family is having a reunion, and 80 people are expected to attend. Marjorie proudly boasts that several family members attended Lasell: Emma Gilbert Carver '45, Nancy Hawk Gilbert '54, Dorothy Gilbert Williams '56, and Patricia Gilbert Sherwood '57.

"Sorry I missed our reunion, but there were pressing family needs," writes Elizabeth Kerrivan Davidson. "While I missed being there physically, I was there in spirit."

Our sincere condolences to Barbara Schnelle Orton on the death of her husband in June.

Astrid Selander Fowler, who lives in Newport, RI, hosted Lois Schaller Toegemann, Betty MacInnes Deal, and Anne Mastin Egner for a wonderful day of lunch, shopping, and sightseeing. A few weeks later Astrid had lunch with Joanne Kelley Peters.

Carmen Welch Clark and Naomi Cox Santoro met for lunch to celebrate Naomi's birthday. Carmen says, "We still giggle a lot."

1951

Kathleen Ballard Heck has two grandsons who graduated college, and next year two more grandchildren will be in college.

"Sorry I will not be able to attend our 55th, but I will sure be there in spirit," writes Sallyann Bartlett Bassett. "Best regards to the wonderful Class of '51 alums."

"I'm here in the state of Washington since December," writes Priscilla Freeman McCartney Martin. Regarding her new marriage, Priscilla says, "Our 3000-mile courtship began when Dick came east to see old friends in Connecticut a year after his wife passed away. We have many things in common including four children each. I don't know a thing about Seattle or the north-west, but when it is clear and you can see Mt. Rainier, it's wonderful." About reunion, Priscilla says, "I plan to come on Saturday."

"Can't make the 55th but will be thinking of you all and remembering the wonderful times we had," writes Rae Harrington Blum.

Barbara Jankowski Rusch writes, "My mom moved to an assisted living place in NY. It is nice to have her five minutes away."

Our sincere condolences to Joan Kearney Cormay on the death of her husband, Ted. Joan moved from Weston to Duxbury in December.

Charlotte Kelley Campbell retired after a 52-year career as a dental hygienist. She received the Outstanding Alumni Award in June 2003 from the Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene in Boston. She was also the first recipient of the Outstanding Member Award presented by the Tulsa County Dental Hygienist Association in 2003. Charlotte and her husband have three daughters and 11 grandchildren. She is looking forward to attending her 55th reunion at Lasell.

"Enjoying life to its fullest," writes Charlotte Killam Wild.

1953

After her husband's death in 2000, Mary Blackham Williamson remarried in 2003. She writes, "I now have a new life. We have 17 grandchildren. I love living on Cape Cod and especially enjoy tennis and golf."

Our sincere condolences to Jane Corbin Post on the death of her husband, George.

Mary Ann Donahue managed to squeeze in a two-week vacation to Mexico. She says, however, that Shirley Vara Gallerani and Peter's anniversary party on Martha's Vineyard was the highlight of her spring.

Elsie Knaus Klemt writes, "Enjoyed an all-too-brief encounter with Martha Guhring Gremley (a co-Draperite) in the Charlotte, NC airport as we both awaited flights to Asheville — she to visit her daughter and me returning home after visiting mine."

An update from Mary Thomas Justice: "We sold our home in Sandwich on Cape Cod and moved to Florida to be near our youngest daughter and her family. We had a great house with a swimming pool, a lagoon, and our own alligators. But Florida was not for us, and we missed New England. We moved back to Sandwich at the end of April 2005. Much must be done to our new home which is smaller, but there are only the two of us and our two small dogs. I miss my lovely garden at the old house, so now we must begin again."

1954

Thelma Greenberg Florin is a member of the Lasell College Board of Overseers.

Carole Mattucci Wall became a Florida resident this year but will still spend summers in her house on Cape Cod. She plays lots of golf and visits her children and grandchildren in New Jersey.

1956

Judy Caswell Allen writes, "Sorry I can't be there for the 50th, but I'll be thinking of you."

Our sincere condolences to Cleo Giantis Bamford on the death of her husband.

1957

"Still love Florida," writes Cynthia Clark Rose-Frazee, despite that she is still repairing the damage done from Hurricane Charlie in August 2004 and the slight damage from Hurricane Wilma in October.

Caroline Killam Moller visits her daughter in England once a year and her daughter visits Caroline in Connecticut in August. Of her trip to Austria, Caroline says, "great music and scenery."

Lori Rounseville Sanford proudly announces, "We now have a dairy farm. There's tons of work involved." Lori is also enjoying her four grandchildren, ages 13, 10, 8, and 2 years. "They are teaching me so much."

1958

"After many years of fabulous jobs, I am now doing the most rewarding one," writes Judy Butler Weppel. "I am the manager of a shop that supports a domestic violence shelter."

Our sincere condolences to Jan McPherson Pretto on the loss of her husband, Bill.

Meade Simpson Fasciano is the new chair of senior associates at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. She is working with 450 active volunteers. Meade says, "I love the job."

From Naples, FL, regarding Hurricane Katrina, Gail Winalski Burd gives an update, "We came through fine. Our daughter and two granddaughters, 13 and 11, were visiting from Oregon. It was the first hurricane for them. We lost our electricity at 5:30 a.m. and

Class of 1958



Class of 1958 had a "fun" mini-reunion at Jeanne Bradner Morgan's home in North Carolina. Back row (L to R) Carol Christopher from Denver, CO; Terry Brahe Lanham from Hilton Head, SC; June Valter Harding from Williamsburg, VA. Front row (L to R) Bobbie Cummings Taylor from Rye, NY; Jeanne Bradner Morgan from Hickory, NC.

Class Notes

ventured out at 10 a.m. to find lots of trees, branches, and debris everywhere, storm sewers clogged, and streets flooded. We all survived a category 3, and now the girls have memories to pass down."

1959

"We had a nostalgic trip back to Stockholm in August 2005 to visit our oldest daughter," writes **Marty Grearson Herbert**. Martha had lived there for 35 years but had not been back in eight years. She says, "This meant a house count of 11 — two of our three children and five grandchildren. A time to be cherished."

Joan Sycle Norwitz and her husband moved to a condo in Rockville, MD. Joan says, "Our house was too large for just us. But our children seem to boomerang home. Our two daughters each bought a unit in our same building. With them and with two of our grandchildren here, it sometimes feels like we are doing the dormitory thing."

From Punta Gorda, FL, **Carolyn Wood Brox** writes, "We had no damage from Hurricane Katrina. We did run away with friends to Alabama, and it took 12 hours to make the trip. We still do not have gutters on our house, and they have been sitting in our driveway for months."

1960's

1960

"Hello nursing classmates from 1960 (nursing 1961). I am looking forward to our nursing reunion in May," writes **Polly Bergstrom Barnes**.

Barbara Jacoby Adelstein and her husband moved to Shrewsbury, MA from Lake Ronkonkoma, NY. Barbara says, "My retirement will be busy with time spent with grandchildren." Barbara keeps in touch with **Leya Oro Cohen**.

Michele Poirier Gorman and Frank, her husband of 41 years, met her brother and his wife in Venice and toured throughout Italy together. Michele says, "It was the vacation of a lifetime."

Martha Yerkes Eustis and her husband have lived in Greenwich, CT for 36 years and have two children. Martha says, "Being grandparents is the best!"

1961

Our sincere condolences to **Judith Bantleon Lawrence** on the death of her husband last year. They had been married for 42 years. Judith continues to work as a clinical research nurse coordinator in neurology at the Mayo Clinic.

Carol Brooke Cudia lives in Venice, FL, and works in real estate.

"I look forward to attending the 45th reunion of the Class of '61," writes **Sally Cabral Crowe**.

"We sold our home in Hingham, MA after 40 years," writes **Barbara Davis Delano**. "In the spring we will be moving to a life-care community in Charlton, MA."

Regarding the 45th reunion in May, **Laura Jensen** has this to say: "Fellow class members from each house will be calling to encourage everyone to join in the fun. You'll be receiving a letter in the mail giving more details. If you have any ideas, please let me know. We want to make this the best reunion ever!"

Our sincere condolences to **Carole Kirschner Wilson** on the death of her step-father. Carole is now working for Arbonne International, Inc. She did some traveling in the Caribbean, went through the Panama Canal, and then to Costa Rica.

Carole Lamson Burpee says, "I had a great visit with **Ginny Wollinger Fisher** while visiting Seattle."

Pat McKinnon Williams and her husband live in Wakefield, RI, and spend three months of the winter in their condo in Ft. Myers, FL. Pat volunteers at South County Hospital in Wakefield and is president of the Hospital Auxiliary.

Linda Norwell Coburn's remarriage in August 2005 added two grandchildren for a total of seven. Linda keeps in touch with **Georgia Beaumont Tramontano** and **Val Duval Pettinicchi**.

Class of 1962



Nancy Martin Phelps and Carol Swanson Evans got reacquainted at the Cape Cod October 2005 alumni event.

1962

Hurricane Katrina brought together former freshman roommates from Bragdon 3 — **Marcia Madden Heist** and **Elaine Sproul Belham**. Marcia writes, "Elaine and I kept in touch over the years, and she lives 10 blocks from the ocean highway in Gulfport, Mississippi. Through a variety of postings on the internet, I found that Elaine and her husband were safe. Then Elaine and I worked together to connect our church communities to help Katrina victims in Gulfport."

Dee Orben Campbell writes, "We had a wonderful trip to England and Scotland. I'm looking forward to more trips. Hi to all."

For six months a year, **Linda Strecker Thorn** and her husband live aboard their lobster cruiser, "Sea Smoke," and travel the intra-coastal waterway from Florida to Rhode Island. In the winter they live in Florida.

1963

Our sincere condolences to **Bette Cole Greene** on the sudden death of her husband.

Bonnie Hankin Cohen continues to work as a visiting nurse. She attended the alumni trip to Tanglewood in August and loved it. Bonnie celebrated her 40th wedding anniversary and has seven grandchildren from 2 months to 8 years.

1964

Patricia Perry Polidor writes, "I am still enjoying retirement and all of the time it allows me to read, cook, walk, and travel. I am also thoroughly enjoying my two grandchildren."

1965

Sheila Fish Millard and her husband are on the move again. They rented out their home in the UK and moved back to Chapel Hill, NC. She writes, "We hope to do some traveling within the U.S. and Canada and to finally get back to Bermuda to visit some friends."

Pam Hill Costa keeps busy helping with the grandkids (she has two), quilting, knitting, and traveling. She and her husband spend January and February in Ormond Beach, FL. They take shorter trips during the rest of the year.

"Our 40th reunion was wonderful. The years just disappeared," writes **Virginia Pedrick Searle**.

1966

Betsy FitzGerald Donovan writes, "I'm very busy in the chemistry and chemical biology department at Harvard University. I thought academia would have a slower pace, but no such luck. My lab does DNA repair, and we're hoping to link that with cancer cures."

1967

In 1994, **Gini Beecher** became the first woman in New Hampshire's history to serve as Director of Motor Vehicles and continues to do so today. In her spare time, Gini enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, playing the piano, and reading.

Heather Hines Peterson continues to run a medical management company that provides medical case management services. She is looking forward to retirement in a few years.

Kathleen Wright enjoyed a visit with **Sue Halewood Crosby** and her husband who stopped by on their way home from Hawaii. Kathleen says, "I took them on my special tour of wonderful San Francisco."

Class of 1960



Faith Bowker-Maloney was concerned how the tsunami affected former Converse friend, Sawani Thongchua Israsena, who lives in Thailand. After a year of not hearing from her, Faith's daughter, Erin, visited Thailand, and was able to contact Sawani and meet with her. Sawani and her family are all well. One of her sons lives in Germany. Her other son and daughter work in Bangkok and live at home. (L to R) Erin Maloney and Sawani Thongchua Israsena.

Class of 1960



The Class of 1960 led the dancers at Reunion '05!

Class Notes

1968

Cindy Dowd Wallace returned to Massachusetts to direct the Blue Cross/Blue Shield corporate childcare program in Quincy. She says, "I continue to be a passionate early childhood educator." Some of Cindy's accomplishments: Alumni of the Year at Granite State College, completed a three-year term on the New Hampshire State Board of Education, and first early childhood educator to be invited by a New Hampshire governor to serve on the board.

Dale Tufts Yale operates a legal assistant consulting business concentrating on municipal permitting. She has two grandchildren, ages 3 and 1.

1969

In September, Janet Sheffer Kerney was in Seattle for the Falcons/Seahawks game. Her son, Patrick, plays for the Atlanta Falcons (Defensive End #97). She says, "As a result, we travel lots in the fall." While in Seattle, Janet had dinner with former roommate, Carol Peck Wojchowski.

1970's

1970

Georgia Marshall Fallas is a hospice nurse in southern California. She has been married for 23 years and has two sons, 18 and 20.

An update from Susan Younger Niederman: "My husband, Jay, and I have been married for 35 years. We lived in New Hampshire near Aviva Davis Thaler '69. I am a retired speech pathologist. We have a married daughter and a son who is getting married this spring.

1973

Barbara Barbieri McGrath is well known for her counting and spelling books. "The M&M's Brand Counting Book" sold more than a million copies. Other of her books feature Pepperidge Farm Goldfish, Cheerios, and Necco's hearts. Her latest book, "The Little Green Witch," tells a story based on her own family's Halloween experience. After Hurricane Katrina, Barbara led a drive in the town in which she lives, Natick, MA, to donate books to communities hit by the hurricane. The drive netted thousands of books sent to communities from Biloxi to Gulfport.

Kristin Cooksley Magnussen is pursuing an MSN in nursing education at the University of Hartford. Kristin says, "My son, a college sophomore, thinks I am way too old to be back in school, but I am having fun except for nursing theory."

1976

Dianne Manning Stark is a clothing buyer for Saks Fifth Avenue in Boston.

1977

Our sincere condolences to Lynn Alyanakian Lowrey on the death of her mom, Ojenie "Ginny" Chinian Alyanakian '48.

1978

Becki Moe Kay lives in New Canaan, CT, where she sells real estate and "loves it." Her daughter just began college, and her son is in high school. Becki says, "I love hearing about all the developments at Lasell. Keep up the good work."

1980's

1980

Jane Cormuss visited the Lasell campus in October to deliver a lecture in Professor Joe Aieta's Existentialism class. Jane says, "I was in the same room in which I had taken this same class more than 25 years ago." After class, Jane lunched with her friend, Jeanne Johnsen '72, Lasell College Director of Support Services in the Office of Institutional Advancement. Jane is now working as publications manager at Boston University's School of Public Health and finishing her master's degree in religious and theological studies. "Thanks to Joe Aieta," she says, "I continue to enjoy pursuing the life of the mind." (See page 19)

"I take pride in helping make business expansions become a reality in Massachusetts," says Lynn Tokarczyk. As president of her own business, Business Development Strategies Inc. in Medway, MA, and in her jobs with the Massachusetts Office of Business and Development and the accounting firm of Ernst & Young, Lynn has helped more than 300 companies take advantage of government incentive programs and attracted more than \$3 billion in new private investments to the state.

1985

Wendy Bosse Alexopoulos is a registered nurse who has been working in critical care for the past 10 years. She is married and has two children, ages 6 and 8. Wendy says, "I would love to hear from my classmates. I live in Hanson, MA."

Class of 1983



The Class of 1983 held their second annual Misquamicut, RI, reunion. (L to R) Joan O'Connor, Sue Senofonte Preis, Julia Schaum Ortale, Caroline Knoener-Skowronek, Lisa Adams Edwards

Christine Perry Ryan is a stay-at-home mom and has four children, ages 10, twin 7-year-olds, and 2. She says, "I am looking forward to going back to work soon."

1988

Our sincere condolences to Stacy Shriro Mocciano on the death of her infant twin sons, Daniel and Payne.

Class of 1967



Two alums and their spouses enjoyed a two-week tour of Italy. Pictured in photo in Venice is Sue Ahearn Costa and husband, Dave, Sue Halewood Crosby and husband, Richard.

Class of 1968



The plan was for the Class of 1968 Nason house alums to meet in Aspen, CO, and climb over a mountain to Crested Butte. However, an avalanche blocked the trail. Instead, the women enjoyed gourmet dining, shopping, hiking, biking, swimming, horseback riding, jeeping, rafting, attending a rodeo, riding a gondola, and paragliding. Of course, talking and sharing life experiences happened throughout the week. When all was over, they left smiling. Their friendship began 37 years ago when they met at Lasell. (Alphabetical order) Marnie Ewart Bacot, Patricia Torbron Geoghegan, Jan Jacobs Hyde, Jackie Hoffmeier Lard, Stephanie Pendleton, Carol Spindler Picciano, Anne Kusik Roush, Ann Sterner Tyler, Libby Wissman Walendziewicz.

Class Notes

1990's

1991

Bari Schwartz Perales writes, "Hey y'all. My husband and I moved to South Carolina in 1997. I am a stay-at-home mom for my two handsome sons, ages 5 and 6, and my 2-year-old daughter. I keep busy with my children's school, being a soccer mom, and all the fun mom stuff."

1995

Carrie Lempke Braxton recently received her Certified Meeting Profession (CMP) designation. She is among 120 people in the state of Michigan to have received this designation. Carrie is currently employed as a Tradeshow and Event Planner for the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau. She lives in Detroit with her husband and two daughters.

1996

Nicole Positano White is working as a training and construction manager for Buckley Air Force Base in Denver. She says, "I love living in Colorado."

Jami Zaiatz Stebbins and her husband live in Middleboro, MA. She says, "I absolutely love all that I have gotten to experience by being a stay-at-home mother. It is truly my calling." Jami has a son and a daughter.

1998

An update from **Michelle Miller Smith**: "I married my high school sweetheart, and we opened an Italian restaurant together. We recently bought a house, and I started a family day care. We are hoping to have kids after my business is fully established."

2000's

2001

Pierre Francois started a small business with a few of his colleagues. It is a full-service talent agency that provides local colleges and corporate entities with professional performers to make their events memorable.

2002

An update from **Gus Batista**: "I have worked for Ford Motor Company as a marketing and sales manager for two years. I live in Orlando and travel through most of the state of Florida. I don't plan on going back to Boston anytime soon. Once you got a taste of Florida living, you don't want to go back."

Melissa Damas writes, "I am doing accounting for the Office of Technology Development at Harvard University. I've been there for 2-1/2 years, and I love it. I also have my own website where I sell all kinds of items. And last, I work in promotions, where I help people learn how to make money from their own home."

Lacey Stegmaier Keogh and her husband just moved back to Boston after living in Arizona for three years.

Our sincere condolences to **Jarrod VanDerwerken** on the death of his father, Stephen, in August.

2003

Annette LaFleur, former Miss Natick 1996, was selected to participate in the Miss Massachusetts USA 2005 Pageant in November. Annette wore some of her own fashion designs in the pageant. For the past two years, she has been working as a clothing designer for the US Army.

Class of 2003



Former Class of 2003 Lasell roommates, **Manu MacNamarra** (second from left) and **Ashley Seybold** visited Manu's grandparents, Overseers **Joe and Honey Markham Wedeman '48** in Hawaii.

2004

Angela Mandarinini is a national accounts project manager for Reflex Lighting in South Boston. She distributes lighting fixtures for a variety of retailers.

Margaret Rodriguez is in a Master's Degree program in psychology at Springfield College.

2005

Maha Al-Shoaibi is working at the Center of Communication and Rhetoric at Effat College in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. She writes, "How is my lovely Lasell? I miss it all."

Jason Lively is the Catering and Retail Supervisor for Sodexo at Lasell College.

Tarah Martell is an independent apparel designer. In December, her clothing was modeled at the annual Capeway and Greater Bridgewater Junior Miss Scholarship program.

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Marriages

Priscilla Freeman McCartney '51 to Richard Martin on December 3, 2005

Sarah Norko '87 to Roland St. Denis on April 27, 2002

Stacy Shriro '88 to Michael Mocciano on April 27, 2002

Tracy Jennings '97 to Joseph Ragan on September 24, 2005

Allison Johnson '98 to Charlie Nelson on June 12, 2004

Deirdra Benson '00 to Michael Lynch on July 9, 2005

Kimberly Sipple '04 to Jared Boorky on June 4, 2005

Tomoko Yasukawa '05 to Adam Diamond on October 9, 2005

Births

Sarah Norko St. Denis '87, a son, Drew Joseph, on June 18, 2003

Jami Zaiatz Stebbins '96, a daughter, Amelia Frances, on August 19, 2005

Beth Van Patten-Steiger Stockenberg '98, a son, Caden James, on May 14, 2005

Deaths

Evelyn Virginia Suor Butterworth '27 on January 9, 2006

Ruth Rohe Smith '31 on December 23, 2005

Dorothy Wickham Marquis '31 in March 2005

Helen Champagne Trook '32 on November 24, 2005

Dorothy Taggart Krumsieg '32 on January 19, 2003

Althea Ward Currier Weatherhead '32 on December 4, 2005

Amorette Larchar Skilton '33 on September 24, 2005

Helen Gibbs Dodd '34 on November 15, 2005

Betty Jane Allenbaugh Weller '35 on October 12, 2005

Priscilla Wood Caverly '35 on November 9, 2005

Mary Hoit McNerney '36 on November 12, 2005

Elizabeth Kenney Farrington '36 in June 2005

Hilma Williams Alger '37

Anna Cody Little '38 in April 2005

Jean Randall Dockham '38 on November 12, 2005

Ruth Conklin Anderson '39 on January 8, 2006

Margaret Fish Allsopp '39 in May 2005

Jean Shaw Keary '40 on December 28, 2005

Geraldine Bixby Averill '41 on January 10, 2006

Sally Knight Maison '41 on November 8, 2003

Mary Kulos Topulos '41 on July 3, 2005

Eleanor Miller Payne '41 on December 13, 2005

Elizabeth Schwartz Davis '42

Marion Shirley Wellman '42 on March 13, 2005

Ruth Dungan '43 on November 30, 2005

Elizabeth Magee Shaw '43 on August 6, 2005

Evelyn Nurkiewicz Nicholas '43 on August 26, 2005

Dorothy Bensinger Meyers '44 on December 21, 2005

Theresa Di Sesa Gaspari '44

Carolyn Buck Scheerer '46

Barbara Roedel Hall '47 on March 6, 2005

Barbara Verchot Pierpont '47 on April 7, 2005

Ojenie "Ginny" Chinian Alyanakian '48 on November 25, 2005

Dorothy Davis Farese '48 on December 29, 2004

Natalie Hall Campbell '49 on February 3, 2006

M. Patricia Mosher Schorer '49 on October 5, 2005

Julia Parker Haas '49 on April 15, 2005

Mercedes Cuetara Kavanagh '50 on November 23, 2005

Elisabeth Pinto Maver '50

Jean Aslaksen Podimsky '52 on February 11, 2005

Janice MacClain Trigo '52 on October 18, 2004

Joan Kelly '53 on October 16, 2005

Ann Heyman '55 on October 23, 2005

Janice Engstrom Barbato '56 on October 29, 2005

Barbara Allen Bibbo '58 on September 18, 2004

Jacqueline Brown '58 on December 6, 2005

Katherine Morakis Pappas '59 on July 14, 2005

Anna Natsis '59 on September 1, 2005

Ann McIntosh Mello '61 on September 10, 2005

Janet Morrice Novak '61 on November 16, 2005

Dennis Sughrue x-'02 on July 20, 2005

Dr. Bettina Hall Harrison, former faculty, on August 23, 2005

Alumni Giving Back Sharing Expertise on Campus

Jane Cormuss '80 visited campus in October to deliver a lecture in Professor Joseph Aieta's Existentialism class. "Joe remains a very close friend from my years at Lasell, first as a student and then as a colleague, and I am honored to participate in the class. In fact, I realized this year that it was the very same room in which I had taken Existentialism with Joe more than 25 years ago! That was a bit of a stunning realization, I must admit."



Professor Joe Aieta and Jane Cormuss '80 interact with the students in his Existentialism class.

Jane has returned over the years to lecture in the Existentialism class each time it is offered, and has also taught philosophy courses at the College while in graduate school at Boston University. Now she is busy working full time as publications manager at BU's School of Public Health and finishing her master's degree in religious and theological studies. "Thanks to Joe," she says, "I continue to enjoy pursuing the life of the mind."

In addition to joining the Existentialism class, Jane lunched with Jeanne Johnsen '72, Director of Support Services, while on campus and then visited the home of Dr. Donald J. Winslow, whose entertaining history of Lasell she edited while director of communications at the College. "All in all, it was a remarkable walk down memory lane," she says.

A Tisket a Tasket...A Fundraising Basket

Lasell Alumni, Inc. is sponsoring a raffle of Theme Gift Baskets during Reunion Weekend to raise funds for the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Baskets will be displayed on the www.lasellalumni.org web site to allow folks to view them in advance. So get creative! Possible baskets include:

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Approximately \$2095, per person, plus air, based on double occupancy. V.A.T. is an additional \$95 per person, subject to change.

NOTE: The itinerary outlined is preliminary and subject to change due to operational conditions.

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Use the online directory to locate old college friends to get together before you start your vacation. Search the directory to see if there are any alumni in the area you plan to visit. Turn that "I didn't know you lived there" into an impromptu visit! Or maybe even get the inside scoop on visiting the area — what are the most fun restaurants or "local haunts" to visit. And don't forget...when you're finished with vacation...share your pictures!!!

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Seeking Members of the Lasell High School Class of 1942

"Actually, we may have been the last High School Class at Lasell. We graduated and I attended Smith College as a freshman that fall. All High School students lived in Hawthorne House at which Mrs. MacDonald was the housemother. Lights out at 10:15 p.m. for everyone and SHE did the room to room check personally. (Needless to say there were a few of us who used flashlights under blankets in order to study.) There was a smoking room — in the basement and smoking only allowed after dinner. Mrs. MacDonald was very regal and most proper. I recall distinctly her calling all "Hawthorne House Girls" to task when she stated, "Girls, a young lady's reputation is like a white silk handkerchief, to be peered at, but never soiled." (What a laugh that would be today.) At any rate, many of us have lived to tell the tale and never suffered from that superb experience. There were only about 12 high school students in our class and, unfortunately, having come from Ohio and then on to Northampton, I lost track of them." Sherry Marks Tuck LHS '42

Lasell Memory

Bobbie R. Jennings '55 writes, "I have been communicating with several faculty and administrators from my era and have had such a great time hearing individual stories. Recently, Listy Smith (former College dietitian) told me a wonderful one about a housemother in the '40s.

"One of Lasell's housemothers went to Boston. It was during WWII and there were many young military men about the streets. This housemother was probably in her 70s, but while most looked rather 'matronly,' this one was petite with a very nice figure, and she dressed well. As she was walking along, she heard footsteps behind her, so she increased her pace...and the footsteps also increased their tempo. Finally the young man came abreast of her, took one look, and said, "My God! I thought you was a chick!"

Alumni Giving Back - Prioritizing Female Education in Africa

Barbara Rahner Reese '60 Works With Ambassadors' Girls Scholarship Program

From the villages of Somalia to the city of Adis Ababa, girl's education specialist Barbara Rahner Reese '60 has been traveling for the Ambassadors' Girls Scholarship Program (AGSP) looking at schools in the sub-Saharan region of Africa. "The program is the key component of President Bush's Africa Education Initiative (AEI)," Barbara explains. "It is funded by the U.S. government and managed by the USAID Africa Bureau and its aim is to address the constraints to girls' participation, retention, and achievement at school.

"Our intent is to provide scholarships to needy girls," she continues, "and we target girls mainly at the primary level. By providing scholarships and mentoring, we hope to motivate girls to value education and develop the confidence to combat the pressures which lead to attrition. By scholarships, I mean any type of package that will encourage an identified girl to go to school. Many times it could be a uniform and

shoes, plus textbooks and usual school items such as pen, pencils, and exercise books.

"Once the girls are selected, they need to be placed in an educational environment that includes lots of community participation. In fact, it should be the community that identifies the girls who qualify for the program. As I visit these countries, my job is to identify local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who are interested in the girls and are willing to work with us in developing and implementing a culturally appropriate program."

Barbara focuses on 15 sub-Saharan countries in East Africa. "What I have found so far is that across the board, in countries from Sudan to Rwanda, the girls are eager to learn, no matter what the environment.

"Girls face barriers that not only include financial and opportunity costs, but also



In Sudan, children and their teacher gather under a mango tree, which serves as their classroom. "We arrived without notice and they were actively involved in lessons," says Barbara.

socio-cultural factors such as early marriage, as well as the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS. If family members contract the illness, girls often must leave school to tend to them or go to work to provide family income. But, as we travel to these areas we see how much they do want an education. For instance, a Rwandan girl told us that she wanted to be an aeronautical engineer!

"The variety of educational infrastructure is great, from studying under Mango trees in Sudan to buildings with libraries and dormitories in Tanzania, Rwanda, and Uganda. We also find alternative education centers such as one outside Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, whose students are girls that work in the neighborhood but their employers allow them to attend school for three hours a day. The 'teacher' is a young girl who is trained to guide the lessons along with a radio program that is broadcast everyday. From time to time, the 'voices' on the air come to visit the schools.

"Additionally, harassment of girls is a big issue in all these countries and seems to be a theme that we are faced with, even though education is what we are trying to provide. In Gulu, Uganda, because of an ongoing war in the North, girls and boys are kidnapped to become child soldiers for the resistance. This threat causes the children to run into town every evening to sleep in hospitals and other public building basements for protection. They are known as the 'Night Commuters.' We have awarded 30 of these girls scholarships to a boarding school, where they can be kept safe."

Barbara became involved with the Ambassadors' Program in 2004. Her group, a team of six, has been authorized to distribute 83,000 scholarships throughout 15 countries, "But it's going to be one to one," she explains. "We want to see what happens to each particular girl."

Part of the program includes having IT project members hold workshops to show people in the towns and villages how to use Excel. "It is essential that we keep track of names, grades, family status (whether the girls are orphans or living with their families). We want to see if the scholarships are making a difference and if a girl has progressed from primary to secondary school."

Barbara's exposure to international communities extends back. "I spent 14 years living overseas in Foreign Service communities: eight years in Indonesia, four in Egypt, and the remaining years in Tunisia and Thailand. During this time, I became aware of how different life is in the villages of developing countries. It led me to see how much we assume in our life and lifestyles in the U.S."

Besides her busy present travel schedule and full-time work with the scholarship program, Barbara is also completing her Ph.D. in Social Anthropology at American University, having received her M.A. in Applied Anthropology in Education from the University of Pittsburgh. "It all started at Lasell," she says.



In Garowee, Puntland, Barbara Rahner Reese '60 meets a woman who is in charge of an NGO that trains women to sew and have basic literacy lessons.

Campus Update

Overseer Focus Groups



In the photo above (L to R) Overseers Joan Conradi McLaughlin '59 and Dr. Robin Parry meet with (front row) Aida Mejia '07, Cathee Hill '07 and Marian Salama '08.

Other students who participated are: Christina Aronne '08, Colby Gorniewicz '07, Holly Jobbagy '06, Christopher Nadeau '07, Bebitour Charles '07, Pierlyne Gerardin '07, Kelly Lynch '06 and Maria Thoebal '07.

Under the leadership of Dr. Robin Parry, Chairman of the Board of Overseers, the Lasell College Board of Overseers has been organizing focus groups as part of a larger project that they are undertaking called "Friendraising to Fundraising." Members of the Board have been meet-

ing with students to find out what drew them to Lasell and to discuss ideas about ways to assist students during their undergraduate years. They are hoping to hear from more students about programs/events that might be of interest to students before, and after, they graduate from the College. ♥

Hamel House



Timber! In a windstorm last fall, a 133-year-old oak tree fell on Hamel House, the President's residence. It was approximately 40" in diameter and weighed in excess of 40,000 pounds. Fortunately, no one was hurt although the building did sustain some minimal damage. When the repairs to Hamel House are complete, the exterior will be as good as new. ♥

Now an All-Season Surface FieldTurf Transforms Grellier Field

If you are standing on Aspen Avenue between Studio Road and Forest Avenue, the scoreboard easily identifies that you are at Grellier Field, "Home of the Lasell Lasers." The field was officially named back in 1999 when then 50th Reunioner Nancy Curtis Grellier '49 and her husband Bill gave a generous gift to build a regulation size soccer field during "Lasell 150: The Campaign to Celebrate Lasell's Sesquicentennial." It was fitting

that Nancy kicked the first ball at the ceremony since she was an athlete during her student years at Lasell. Nancy, who has served as a Trustee of the College since 1990, was a member of crew and a field hockey player back in 1948-49.

On Saturday, April 1, 2006, Grellier Field will be re-dedicated in recognition of the generosity, once again, of Nancy

Curtis Grellier '49 and her husband Bill. As athletic contests get more and more competitive, it became clear that Grellier Field needed a major facelift. The administration of the College decided it would invest in FieldTurf and once again the Grelliers came to the rescue. Their generous gift of \$100,000 was designated for this \$750,000 project, which was completed in January.

This time, at the re-dedication, Nancy will participate in the face-off for the women's lacrosse team against Western New England College. Once an athlete, always an athlete. What a wonderful way for a former athlete and an alumna to give something so special back to her alma mater. And just think how much the College will save on mowing the field! ♥



Once the drainage system was in place, the new FieldTurf was laid and Grellier Field was ready for play.



Faculty Updates



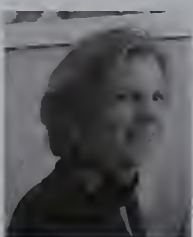
for the 2006 spring semester.

Associate Professor Stephanie Athey has been appointed as a Visiting Scholar at Columbia University's Center for the Study of Human Rights



Eugene O'Neill Society, an organization comprised of scholars and theatre practitioners dedicated to promoting the study and appreciation of the life and works of Eugene O'Neill, one of America's greatest playwrights. Professor Bloom will fill a two-year term.

Steven F. Bloom, dean for the School of Arts and Sciences, has become the president of the



this year: online registration and online course evaluation. According to students and faculty, she says, "These two major projects were very successful."

Chief Information Officer Deborah Gelch reports that her Information Technology Department ran two new online processes

Raymond C. Guille, adjunct faculty, Lasell College Graduate program, presented at the National 2005 Conference for ACHE - Association for Continuing Higher Education, in Madison, WI on the subject of benchmarking. The Title of the presentation was "Benchmarking: Graduate Student Services Project - Continuous Improvement."

Melissa Martin is Lasell College's 2006 Americorps*VISTA volunteer. A 2005 graduate of Gettysburg College,



Center for Public Service.

Maryanne Conroy-Miller, director of the College's food service reports on



"Cuisinvite," a program "we invented and that brings a little cooking lesson, demonstration cooking, and information to groups of students. It's an innovative program designed to create excitement in the dining room," she explains. "We invite the customers to come to a new experience and get students thinking about good food, where it comes from, how it gets prepared. The focus is on students, and it's educational, allowing employees to interact with students, highlight diversity, and provides an opportunity to showcase foods and menus from native countries."



and Barbara Okun), "Psychotherapy with Women: Exploring Diverse Contexts and Identities," which was released by Guilford Press last fall and was chosen as an alternate selection by the Behavioral Sciences Book Club.

Marsha Mirkin, assistant professor of Psychology, Department of Social Sciences, co-edited (with Karen Suyemoto,

Marilyn J. Negip, has become the newest member of the Brennan Library staff, joining Lasell as its Archivist and Reference Librarian. With a B.A. in English from Southern Connecticut State University and a Master of Library Science from San Jose State University, Marilyn comes from Napa, California where she had the responsibility of opening a multi-million dollar library facility for Justin-Siena High School. She worked as the Library Director for Justin-Siena High School for four years and, while there, she helped in the planning and furnishing of the 8,000 square foot new library facility that included the school's first automated library system. She also managed the large archives collection of the school.



Documenting Student Response," at the 31st Annual Florida State University Conference on Literature and Film, "Documenting Terror and Trauma."

Mimi Reddicliffe, Professor of English in the Humanities Department, presented a paper, "Trauma and Terror in the Classroom:

Suzanne Sweeney Reilly, senior lecturer in art history, Department of



memoir of her 12-year-old niece who died of leukemia. The young girl lived her last year in a hospital bed, but still traveled the world through art.

Humanities, is shopping around for a publisher for the book she just wrote, "A Red Tide in Winter," a creative non-fiction



Her presentation was titled "Negotiation Skills for Women: Creating Value in any Conversation."

Dean for Institutional Advancement Ruth Shuman spoke at a Women in Development Dialogue Program.



Accounting Lecturer Jarrod Van Derwerken '04 has become the first male to serve on the Alumni Board of Management.

Director of Athletics Kristy Walter has been named as the 2005 Eastern College Athletic Association



given in recognition of outstanding or meritorious service to the ECAC.

(ECAC) Female Administrator of the year. The award was presented at the annual ECAC Fall Convention in Hyannis, MA and is



outstanding alumni by the College of Education at Texas A&M University - Commerce, where she earned her doctorate. The honor was announced in connection with the University's 115th anniversary celebration.

Catherine Zeek, associate professor and department chair of the Education Department, was named one of 115

Lasell Adopts New Academic Administrative Organization

Lasell's academic administration is being restructured, including elimination of the three-school scheme that was established five years ago. The new organizational model will be implemented at the beginning of the 2006-2007 academic year.

A key aspect of the restructuring plan includes the establishment of two new positions, Dean of Undergraduate Education, a position to be held by Dr. Steven Bloom, and Dean of Academic Studies, to be held by Dr. Lisa Bortman. A third, one-year renewable position will be known as Faculty Advisor to the

President for Business Ventures; it is designed to support entrepreneurship and new initiatives. The first person to hold this position is Associate Professor Richard Bath.

"The arrangement of majors and departments into separate schools was helpful to developing our reputation as a baccalaureate, co-ed institution," says Jim Ostrow, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "But, as a practical matter, students orient to their majors, academic departments, and, of course, the professors who instruct and advise them."

The new organizational scheme is directed toward growing existing programs and developing new ones, as well as working to strengthen support systems that facilitate student retention.

"The restructuring plan, which is designed to avoid duplication of effort or unnecessary bureaucracy, will support maximum entrepreneurship and a commitment to academic excellence within the context of our connected learning philosophy," Dr. Ostrow continues. "Additionally, the new academic

administrative organization will facilitate study and assessment of the College's connected learning approach to teaching and learning.

"We want faculty and the Chairs to feel a strong identity with their departments as well as with College-wide priorities and initiatives. We also want Department Chairs to be a single leadership body that has more frequent, direct access to the Vice President."

Lasell Master's Graduate Expands Capstone Project Course and Conference Will Cover Aging and Technology

"I never thought that the display topic that I created for my Social Gerontology class would lead to my being asked to put together a graduate course at Lasell," exclaims Cheryl Staskawicz, who received her MS in Management/Elder Care from the College in May 2005. Now Cheryl finds herself balancing her job as Manager of Unquity House, an independent residence for the elderly located in Milton, MA, with the responsibilities that come with organizing a syllabus and preparing to teach a class.

"I remember wanting to do something different for my display, and the topic I came up with was 'Assistive Technology: Will Baby Boomers Embrace It?' The more I explored the subject, the more I became intrigued. In Japan, over the next three years 25 percent of that country's population will be 65 or older and they are planning for this explosion by building high tech retirement homes. The population of the United States is heading in the same direction, and I wondered how much attention has been paid here to technology products and the implications technology will have on the home."

When Cheryl met with Professor Brewer Doran to discuss what she should do for her final capstone project, Professor Doran strongly recommended

that whatever topic Cheryl chose, it should involve extensive research.

While trying to pinpoint a subject, Cheryl met with Dr. Mark Sciegaj, director of the RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Aging and Intergenerational Studies, who suggested that as part of connected learning, her research could involve a survey that used the topic of her display board as its basis. Following his advice, the title of her capstone became "Is There a Need for Aging and Technology in the Higher Education Curriculum?"

"While doing my research, I contacted universities across the United States and it was very interesting to talk to professors and compare their curricula to Lasell's. I discovered that we are way ahead. Many universities are just beginning to offer gerontology at the graduate level."

When Dr. Sciegaj read all the information that Cheryl had amassed, he asked her to conduct an elective graduate class this spring on aging and technology. "This topic is so new that Lasell really has no place to benchmark itself against," says Cheryl. "I geared the course syllabus for healthcare and elder service professionals in the hopes that they will gain first hand knowledge that will play a role in reducing costs associated with care. Robotics, telehealth, and

telemedicine are some of the concepts that are being discussed."

Under the auspices of the Fuss Center, Cheryl is also currently doing further research and transforming her capstone findings into a publication, which she hopes will be completed next year.

"What I'm discovering is that the technology is changing weekly and there is so much opportunity in this field," says Cheryl. "Technology is going to affect positively the long term care worker shortages and our increased health care costs."

To make the public aware of what is happening in this field, on May 17, 2006 the Fuss Center will be holding a first-of-its-kind Aging and Technology Conference (see story on page 2). Cheryl is working closely with Dr. Sciegaj and Shannon Turner, housing manager at the Revere Housing Authority and Lasell elder care graduate student. Shannon is helping to coordinate the conference for her capstone project and has been focusing on marketing and lining up exhibitors.

"Hosting events that highlight ways of enhancing the quality of life for older adults is part of the Center's mission," says Dr. Sciegaj. "This conference will



(L to R) Graduate teacher Cheryl Staskawicz and graduate student Shannon Turner review organizational details for the May 2006 Aging and Technology Conference.

be geared towards elder care service providers and will supply a lot of practical information. We are fortunate to have Dr. Joseph Coughlin, founding director of the MIT AgeLab as our keynote speaker, as well as four expert presenters, who will target the practical application of advanced technology for elders."

"I think the conference attendees are going to be impressed by what a difference technology can make," says Cheryl. "Our presenters are totally committed to the idea and philosophy of their specialties and I think that the program that we are putting together is unique." 🌟

Maturing Baby Boomers the Hot Topic

Graduate Student Attends 2005 White House Conference on Aging

Five years ago, Kathleen Wolf was completing a gerontology certificate at UMass/Boston when she heard the buzz about the White House Conference on Aging. It was then that she made up her mind to try to attend in 2005. Held only every 10 years, the Conference has served as a catalyst for the development and enhancement of national, state, and local aging policies in the U.S. This year's conference was titled "The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action."

Kathy is now juggling her job as Program Coordinator at the Watertown Council on Aging/Senior Center with being a graduate student at Lasell. "I knew that the Conference would be a source of valuable information for both areas. The list of speakers was impressive and I wanted to see what were considered the hot button issues," says Kathy.

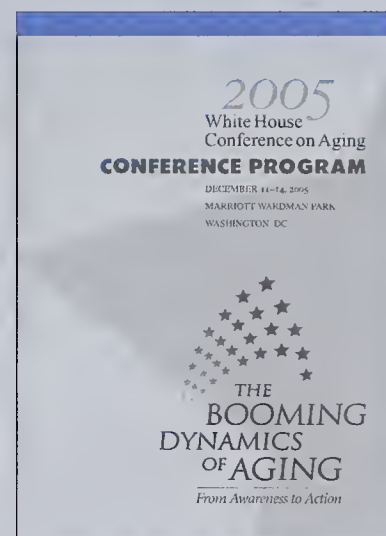
Being invited to the Conference is no mean feat and it took some doing for Kathy to be able to attend. "I tried being an at-large delegate and when that failed I put in my name as a volunteer and also as a press representative. You should have seen me when I received the letter that announced that I was invited to come as a press rep covering Watertown Senior News. I've never worn a press badge before," Kathy laughs.

This year's Conference was divided into six tracts: Planning along the Lifespan, the Workplace of the Future, Our Community, Health and Long Term Living, Civic Engagement and Social Engagement, and Technology and Innovation in an Emerging Senior/Boomer Marketplace. "Among the impressive list of speakers was Craig Barrett, the Chairman of the Board of INTEL Corporation. His topic was the future role of technology and I was glad to be able to share some of what I

learned with Cheryl Staskawicz's Aging and Technology class (see story above)."

Delegates arrive at the Conference having reviewed resolutions that reflect emerging issues, interests, and concerns from across the country. The duty of the delegates is to select the top 50 resolutions that they believe are the most important for current and future generations of senior citizens. These are then pared down to 10 which are sent to the President and Congress to help guide national aging policies for the next 10 years. "This year, for the first time, conference members were responsible for also recommending an action plan, not just a list of 'problems,'" explains Kathy.

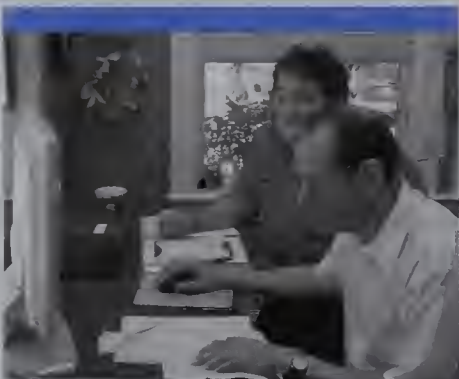
"It was an opportunity to see what policy issues are in the forefront — how they might be addressed and what solutions people have in mind," she continues. "I was able to meet interesting people who, like me, are concerned



with 'the age beat.' Because of my job at the Watertown Senior Center, I was very interested in how people envision the centers of the future, particularly at the community or 'grassroots' level. I have decided that this will be a part of my Lasell capstone project and I will certainly be using information I gathered at the conference." 🌟

Using the Latest Technology Lasell Village is Focal Point of Web Conference

"Instead of 'Lights, Camera, Action' it was 'Log on, Adjust Headset, Sound Check, Go.'" Thanks to modern day technology, a web conference that had over 30 organizations from all over the country as participants took place in Dean Paula Panchuck's Village office this fall. There she and Gerard Badler, a marketing strategy consultant with Campus Continuum, facilitated a two-hour session titled "Capitalizing on the Campus Retirement Home."



Dean Paula Panchuck and marketing consultant Gerard Badler at the computer at the start of the web conference.

"This is very exciting," said Paula as she prepared for the conference, making sure she had a filled water glass nearby. "I know that even though no one will actually see me, I'll be using my hands when I talk. It's just the way I am."

The conference was coordinated by Academic Impressions, a company located in Colorado. Through their

website, interested parties could download the conference's informational brochure and register.

Together, Paula and Gerard had created a Power Point presentation on the role and response of colleges to the interest of elders in learning during retirement and the establishment of college affiliated senior communities in response to this demand. Its delivery was carefully choreographed, with the two taking turns speaking and the audience listening live. The left side of the computer screen showed the Power Point slides, while the right hand side was reserved for participants to email questions.

"It was hard to manage all the electronic communication," says Paula, "but we got great evaluation scores for both content and speaker skills. During the Q & A session at the end, the questions ran the gamut, but particularly focused on the amenities and the education program at the Village. Participants from other higher education institutions were also curious about the benefits to Lasell, both financially and educationally.

"Reflecting back, the conference made me appreciate what a good and informative presentation can be made electronically. I can see that it's a tool we might want to use again in the future. Perhaps, through the Fuss Center, we could try setting up something similar." 🍷

Student-Athletes Lend Their Expertise Lasell Representatives Travel to NCAA Soccer YES Clinic

"It was an honor to be selected by the NCAA to serve as an advisor for the NCAA Youth Education through Sports (YES) Clinics," says soccer Head Coach Giovanni Pacini. "And, it was great being able to select two Lasell student-athletes, Jose Calderon '07 and Tim Brennan '08, to accompany me to Greensboro, NC. Over the course of two days we had the opportunity to meet the other participants from across the country, instruct underprivileged youngsters who are interested in the sport, and see some incredible soccer being played at the NCAA finals."

The three headed down to North Carolina after Thanksgiving and spent Friday afternoon attending organizational meetings with the other coaches and student-athletes, some of whom came from as far away as Minnesota and Kentucky. Every coach and student was



(L to R) Tim Brennan '08, Coach Giovanni Pacini, and Jose Calderon '07 pause before heading to North Carolina.

then assigned to one of three groups: life skills, conditioning, or offensive and defensive play. On Saturday, over 100 young athletes from greater Greensboro rotated through each of these areas.

"Jose and I worked with Coach Pacini teaching the kids about defense and goalie techniques," says Tim Brennan. "It was a cold morning by North Carolina standards — only 50 degrees — so the smaller players were a bit reluctant, but we got them into it and going pretty quickly. It was great working with inner city kids who don't have that much opportunity to be coached and seeing them have so much fun."

"I selected Tim and Jose because they are good students and good players," says Coach Pacini. "More importantly, they also understand the importance of good citizenship and as they interacted with the kids, they personified it. I think we all learned something from the experience while having a good time."

After their coaching was done, the group had the chance to see the NCAA Division III semi-final and championship games. "It was great to see the way top teams play," enthuses Tim. "It gives us something to shoot for. Soccer is a game I want to stay involved with, possibly coaching after graduation. My time in Greensboro reinforced this conviction." 🍷

Lasell Village Builds New Unit



Scheduled to be ready for occupancy this June, the sold-out new Village building will contain 16 units.





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Message from Karen Gill, Director of Alumni Relations

Dear Alums:

It's time to rekindle those friendships that were so important to you during your time spent on the Lasell campus. Even if you have lost touch over the years, it's so easy to find those friends again — either through the Lasell Alumni Online Community (www.lasellalumni.org) or contacting our office (617) 243-2139. The bonds that were formed then can only have been strengthened over the years through your mutual life experiences and what fun you will have swapping stories!

The most oft-repeated comment I hear from alums who have returned for Reunion is that, "I wish I didn't wait all

these years to get back to Lasell — I didn't realize what I was missing."

A quote I recently read (I don't know the author) is "although the past cannot be changed, the future remains untouched. It is up to each of us to mold it into the shape that best represents our future." So, don't wait until "someday" to reconnect with your important past relationships, do it today and make a plan to get together on campus for Reunion 2006!

Thanks!

Karen B. Gill

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Director of Alumni Relations

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Message from the President of the Board of Management

Hello Lasell Alumni!

Although this letter isn't printed until the spring, I am writing it shortly after the New Year. The holidays are behind us and we look to a New Year filled with anticipation, hope and, of course, those New Year's Resolutions. Like many of you, I resolve to save money, lose weight, eat better — the same ones we commit to every year.

This year, I chose a different resolution — to reconnect with friends. We each had the same thought on Graduation Day — "We'll always stay friends." "I promise to keep in touch." And inevitably, the real world hits. We focus on our career, get married, have children, move around and before you know it, those friends become a once a year holiday card. We've all been there. We've all said we should keep in touch more. And what better time to do that than right now?

The good news is the Alumni Association is here to help. We want to know how you are, where you are, what you are doing, anything you want to share. Visit our web-page at www.lasellalumni.org. There you will be able to see what's going on, post information on Class Notes and if your friends have signed up, you can easily reconnect with them. It will also give you updated information on alumni events where you can meet some different friends and catch up with the old ones. So let's all try to stick with this resolution, you'll be happy you did!

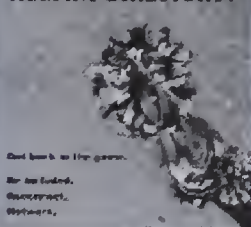
Sincerely,

Patti Beck Bishop

Patti Beck Bishop, Class of '97



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Upcoming Alumni Events

Potomac, MD – Sunday, April 9 –
Home of Kay Goodman Kline '61,
3-5:30 p.m.

Young Alumni
Gathering –
Spirit of Boston –
Wednesday, April 19 at 6 p.m.



Boston – “Wicked”
at the Opera House –
Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m.

2006 REUNION/COMMENCEMENT
WEEKEND at Lasell College campus.
Friday - Sunday, May 19-21 - All Alumni
are invited to attend Alumni Weekend
'06, especially those whose year ends in
“1” or “6.”

“Sing for Your Supper” – Audition to
win a “solo” performance with the
New Philharmonia Orchestra as they
perform “Lasell Night at the Pops” on
campus. If you are the winner, your
dinner and concert are free!
(A \$50 value). Friday, May 19 at 8 p.m.

Nursing Reunion – Former head of the
program, Connie Milner, will be in
attendance. Saturday, May 20 at 2 p.m.
on the Lasell College campus.

Syracuse area, NY – Saturday June 10 –
Lakeshore Yacht & Country Club
11:30 a.m.

Explore Chianti, Italy – July 2-10, 2006
with Alumni Holidays, Inc.

Red Sox at Fenway Park –
Monday, July 17, 7:05 p.m.,
Dinner at Bertucci's 5:30 p.m.



Cocktail reception at the home of
Nancy Curtis Grellier '49 in Madaket
on Nantucket Island, MA. Wednesday,
July 19, 5 – 7 p.m.

Red Sox at Fenway Park –
Wednesday, September 6, 7:05 p.m.,
Dinner at Bertucci's 5:30 p.m.

Cape Cod (South Sandwich) –
Sunday, September 17
Home of Barbara McAlary Kashar '60

Connecticut Valley – Hartford area –
September – TBA

Northampton, MA
Sunday, October 15, 3 p.m.
Home of Martha Borawski '68

North Shore Music Theatre, Beverly, MA
“Hairspray” and Luncheon
Sunday, November 19, noon. ♥

Alumni News and Events

SAVE THE DATE FOR FUTURE ALUMNI GATHERINGS!

Throughout the year, the President and members of the Institutional Advancement staff travel around the country to meet with alumni from all class years at Lasell gatherings. It's a chance to meet and network with other alumni in your geographic area while also hearing the latest information about Lasell. Please contact the Alumni Relations Office if you can help to provide ideas, organize an event, etc. The office creates and mails all invitations.

Past Events

Nantucket



Nancy Curtis Grellier '49 hosted a reception in her summer home in Nantucket for Nantucket Lasell alumni in August 2005. (L to R) Lois Lincoln Dugdale '50, Nancy Curtis Grellier '49, Barbara Clark Owen '58.

Tanglewood



The Boston Symphony Orchestra presented an All-Mozart Program at Tanglewood in August. Two vanloads of alums traveled from Lasell to attend and joined other Western Massachusetts alumni.

West Hartford



Assistant Professor Richard Dodds presented “The Nifty Information Technology Stuff Happening at Lasell” at an alumni gathering at the home of Jackie Hoffmeier Lard '68 in West Hartford, CT in September.

Home Buying Seminar



In a continuing effort to educate Lasell alumni beyond the classroom, the Alumni Relations Office offered a Home Buying Seminar this past fall. The panel included a mortgage loan officer, an attorney, and a real estate agent speaking on all the important aspects of the home buying process.

Topics included:

- The different ways in which a realtor can work for you.
- How to use the Internet in your home search.
- How to choose the right neighborhood.
- How you can purchase property with only \$500 down.
- How to get the best rate, avoid PMI and get more for your money.

Full Monty



In addition to a delightful musical, the Full Monty, presented at the North Shore Music Theatre, alums were the guest of Jean Sargent Lee '49 at a brunch preceding the show in November.

Cape Cod



In October, Barbara Caron MacLean '66 hosted an alumni gathering at her home in West Chatham on Cape Cod. Assistant History Professor Denny Frey presented “Connecting the Past to the Present.”

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Moving On



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When I arrived as the new director of Annual Giving at Lasell in the fall of 1997, enrollment was just under 600 women, the Board of Trustees had just voted to accept male students the following fall (1998), the Lasell 150 Campaign had not been announced, the newest building on the campus was the athletic center, we had only one playing field, Winslow Hall was the old gymnasium drastically in need of a facelift, and Lasell Village existed only on paper. Since that time, so much has been accomplished that it is fun to look back and marvel at all this growth in so short a time. It was an exciting period in Lasell's history.

Now, however, it is time for me to move on. I will be retiring at the end of June, and, I hope, the end of yet another successful Annual Fund year.

It has been a real privilege for me to be a part of Lasell during this exciting period. I have met and become friends with some remarkable women; alumni who are very proud of their Lasell education and of what their alma mater has accomplished under President Tom de Witt's leadership. I have spoken with countless alumni whose stories about their Lasell experiences are a delight to hear. The students who have worked in the Institutional Advancement Office and as Phonathon callers are wonderful ambassadors of the College — it has been a special pleasure to see them grow into caring,

committed adults ready to begin their careers after they graduate.

My colleagues in Institutional Advancement and throughout the College have brought special relationships that will continue long after I leave. It has been wonderful to go back to the classroom with them to help improve confidence in our math skills, or to become more skilled using new computer software. And there are many more memories that I will treasure.

All of you, the alumni, parents and friends of Lasell, as well as the students and my colleagues, have made this a wonderful ride and a very fitting conclusion to my career in institutional advancement. Now I am looking forward to starting a new chapter and becoming a student again, in all the things I never had time for — painting and pottery perhaps, traveling of course, catching up on my reading and spending more time with my husband and our children and grandchildren — not an unusual list. Lasell will remain a very special almost-a-decade of my life. I wouldn't have missed a minute of it and am very grateful for the education this wonderful college gave to me. Thank you all!

Noni Linton

Noni Linton
Director of Annual Giving

Making a Gift of Stock to Lasell College

If you wish to make a gift of stock by electronic transfer to Lasell College, in support of any fundraising program, it is very important that you or your broker contact the Lasell College Office of Institutional Advancement. This is the **ONLY** way we can assure that the right donor is given credit for his/her gift. Unfortunately, when gifts are sent electronically, the donor's name is not included and privacy laws prevent us from obtaining this information other than from the donor or broker directly. **Call either Cathy Black, Director of Major Gifts & Planned Giving (617-243-2223) or Noni Linton, Director of Annual Giving (617-243-2165) BEFORE making a stock gift.**

Anonymous Donor Pledges \$5,500 in Class of 1951 Reunion Challenge

A member of the Lasell College class of 1951, who prefers to remain anonymous, has challenged her classmates to make increased gifts of \$550 each, in honor of their 55th Reunion! Hoping to increase the level of giving within the class, the donor will match up to 10 gifts of \$550, adding \$5,500 to the class of 1951 gift to Lasell for the Annual Fund.

"It is an exciting opportunity for the class of '51 donors to essentially double their individual gifts through the kindness of our anonymous donor," says Noni Linton, director of Annual Giving.

Alumni who have already sent a gift to the College may add to their contribution if they choose, to help meet this open hearted challenge.

Contributions to the Class of 1951 Reunion Gift may be sent to the Lasell College Annual Fund or by contacting Noni Linton (617-243-2165) or Jenn Marvel (617-243-2282). ♥

A Fashionable Event to Recognize Leadership Donors

For those who attended the Annual Leadership Donor Recognition Dinner at Lasell on October 16, 2005, it was like going back in time. The event, titled "Vintage Lasell: A Journey through the Decades," showcased the Lasell Antique Clothing Collection. At a cocktail reception, held in the Campus Center, guests were treated to a virtual fashion show. Five students, Siobhan Barton '08, Heather Daigle '07, Janelle Moynagh '08, Casey Rich '07, and Courtney Rose '08, served as models and worked their way through the crowds of trustees, overseers, corporators, alumni and friends, showing off

period pieces from the 1900s to the year 2000. Heather was the stylist for the event making sure that every last detail was perfect.

Exquisite suits, dresses, and gowns early in the event gave way to a showing of Lasell clothing memorabilia, including a May Queen dress, 1970s gym uniform and even Ms. Mac's lettered sweater. Professor Jill Carey, who is the Curator of the Lasell Museum Collection helped to make this event a "fashionable" success.

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Major Gifts and Planned Giving

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As you will read in the following articles, Lasell alumni, of all ages, are supporting their alma mater in significant ways. Needless to say, this support is heartwarming to me and a validation of the excitement in the air about Lasell College.

Although we are not in "campaign mode," major gift support is as critical as ever. Faculty, staff, and, most of all, Lasell students, rely on the continued financial support of our alumni and friends.

I am also thrilled that most major gifts are accompanied by significant Annual Fund gifts as well. The Annual Fund will ALWAYS be Lasell's fundraising priority and I am grateful that our alumni and friends realize the importance of supporting both efforts.

My thanks to each of you for your continued support and for those of you considering a major or planned gift, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-243-2223 or at cblack@lasell.edu.

Cathy Black

Director of Major Gifts
& Planned Giving

Putnams Make Second Gift to "Their" Faculty Development Fund

Overseer Nancy Burrows Putnam '50 and her husband, George, believe in our faculty members. They see them as the heart, soul, and pride of this institution. They recognize that these men and women engage the minds and set loose the imaginations of the students who pass before them. They also believe that in order for Lasell to offer the finest educational experience and training for its students, our faculty must have the opportunity to learn new pedagogical methods and technologies.



Five years ago, the Putnams helped make this possible by establishing the Putnam Faculty Development Fund. "We realized

that we must help Lasell's faculty keep abreast of changes within their respective disciplines and to be trained in the ethical, global, and technological developments that impact education, business, and society," explained George and Nancy.

Five years later, with a substantial part of the original fund expended, the Putnams have stepped to the plate again with an additional gift of \$200,000 to "their" fund. As Nancy commented, "We are thrilled that we can continue to support our talented and ever-growing faculty while increasing Lasell's visibility in the academic community. We are proud of their accomplishments."

Jim Ostrow, Vice President for Academic Affairs, is also proud of his faculty and what they have accomplished personally and professionally through the generosity of the Putnams. "Faculty development lies at the heart of all of our advances in the areas of connected learning, curricular reform, new program development, and scholarly productivity. Without the Putnams' incredible philanthropy and foresight, we would not be where we are today." 🍷

Planned Giving

Bequests: Leaving a Legacy

We are pleased to continue our series of bequest donor profiles in this edition of *Leaves*. These thoughtful individuals chose to support Lasell by making a provision in their will or trust to support the College at their deaths. Each loved their alma mater and believed in its future. We are grateful for their foresight and generosity.

Together, our featured donors bequeathed \$120,000 to Lasell. We hope they inspire you to consider bequest support as part of your philanthropic planning. For more information or to request a bequest language handout, please call or e-mail Cathy Black at 617-243-2223 or cblack@lasell.edu.



**Judith Woodbury
Berenson '46**
Originally from Lowell, MA, Judith graduated from Lasell with a degree in advertising. She

then built a successful career in this field, becoming highly regarded in the Boston advertising community and earning the nickname "half pica" for her outstanding attention to detail. In 1957, she married the late Boston civic leader, Richard Arthur Berenson. They had two sons, Marshall and Richard. Judith was a leader in many Boston organizations, including the Women's City Club and Les Dames de Amis d'Escoffier. Her hobbies included gardening, entertaining, and traveling. She also served as an Overseer for Lasell. She passed away in August, 2001 and bequeathed the College \$15,000.



**Muriel Hagerthy
Meikle '29**
An accomplished athlete, Muriel was a member of the Athletic Association as well as the bas-

ketball and crew teams while at Lasell. She continued her education at Forsyth Dental School and became a dental hygienist. Muriel later married, had one daughter, and resided in both Maine and Florida. Her passions included traveling, golfing, cars, gardening, and reading. Her daughter, Patricia Flaherty, recalls, "My mother often said to me that her two years at Lasell were the best years of her life." Muriel died in November, 2004 and bequeathed the College \$100,000.



**Elizabeth "Betsey"
Sylvester Robinson '38**
Originally from Brookline, Massachusetts, Betsey made the most of her Lasell

experience. She was a member of the Art Club, French Club, and yearbook committee. An accomplished musician, she was also an Orphean and a member of the student orchestra. Betsey continued her education at Boston University where she received her B.S. in Education. She married the late G. Elliott Robinson and resided in Hanover and Hull, Massachusetts. Betsey died in May, 2000 and bequeathed Lasell \$5,000. 🍷

Lasell Alumni Support Funding Opportunities



Urit Chaimovitz '98 and Jean Sargent Lee '49 are committed alumni whose contributions to Lasell will make a difference.

They may be from different generations, but Trustee Jean Sargent Lee '49 and Urit Chaimovitz '98 have the same passion for Lasell and its students. Each decided to demonstrate their commitment by supporting a funding opportunity important to them.

Jean chose to fund a Course Response System (CPS) for "her" classroom, the Sargent Classroom in the Winslow Academic Center. A CPS is a wireless response system with remote control devices that resemble television remotes. Each student in a classroom is issued a remote control and can give a professor instant feedback to a topic. The topic can be presented verbally, on paper or electronically through a computer projector. The students register their responses by pressing a corresponding button on their remote control. Behind the scenes, a CPS is tracking each student's response and the professor views results immediately. The responses can be set up to be anonymous or tracked to a particular student. The CPS system also provides faculty with an in-class polling device to obtain an immediate, anonymous read on students' attitudes on current issues and events.

"I look forward to actually experiencing this new system in action. It is one more exciting addition to our innovative, connected-learning curriculum," Jean commented. "It is important for our students to have access to these hot new technologies."

Urit and her partner, Jon, chose to fund the cost of wellness programming for the Health and Counseling Center. Health Services staff members, led by Ann Sherman, work to assist students in developing habits that will enhance their quality of life and encourage them to become active participants in their own care. Wellness programming is one of the means to this end. Topics covered include stress management, alcohol awareness, healthy relationships, and eating disorders.

Urit explained, "Jon and I believe in the critical programming Ann and her team at the Health Center provide. When we saw there was need we jumped at the chance to help, hopefully encouraging others to do the same."

We are grateful to Urit and Jean for their passion and for their support. If you would like to learn more about these and other funding opportunities, please contact Cathy Black at (617)243-2223 or cblack@lasell.edu.

A FASHIONABLE EVENT TO RECOGNIZE LEADERSHIP DONORS

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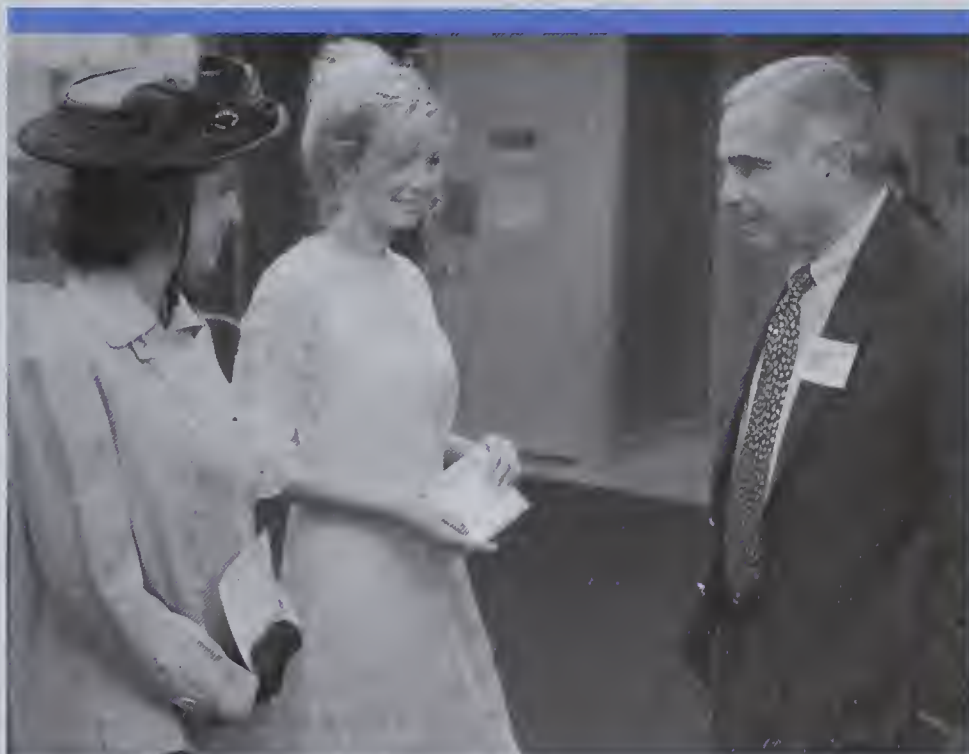
Guests were then escorted to de Witt Hall for a delectable four-course meal. The Lasell class banners were hanging high, a few more pieces from the collection were on display and the table center pieces included accessories from the collection — hats and handbags adorned the colorful flower arrangements. Each table represented a different decade, and a wandering tuxedoed minstrel played his violin, giving song renditions from the appropriate decade. Special thanks are due to alumnae Jean Michael Petersen '39 and Arlene Wishart

Sylvester '38 who spent hours on end in the Winslow Archives researching Lasell events of the decades for display along with events of the world.

The wonderful evening came to a close with a performance by the Lasell Community Chorus conducted by Harvey Finstein. It was an event to remember, bringing back memories for all who attended — especially alumni who could relive their Lasell experience no matter what decade they spent in Auburndale. ♥



(L to R) Janelle Moynagh '07, Courtney Rose '08, and Casey Rich '07 model pieces from the Winslow Archives.



Courtney Rose '08 in a 1915 duster coat and Siobhan Barton '07, wearing an afternoon tea dress from 1900, talk with Trustee Alan Robbins.

Message from the Athletic Director



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The growth of the athletic department expands beyond the playing field. This year, Lasell College was well represented in athletics at the national level. Staff members were selected for regional and national committees, attended national seminars, and received national recognition. Likewise, Lasell student-athletes were chosen to participate in national seminars and committees, and were honored for their play at the regional level.

Richard Frederics, department chair for Business Administration and Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), received a grant to attend the national FAR convention in November. Rick met with FARs from all over the country and brought back new ideas for his position and for Lasell Athletics. Rick also sits on the Budget Planning Committee for the North Atlantic Conference.

Assistant Athletic Director Tim Dunton was selected to participate in the National Leadership Conference sponsored by the NCAA. Student-athletes

Shawna Kelly '07 and Greg Lauranzano '07 also attended the conference in January. The purpose of the conference was to develop leadership skills and to introduce students and staff to the NCAA.

Head Men's Soccer Coach Giovanni Pacini was selected as an instructor for the NCAA YES clinic in the fall (see story p. 24). These sport-specific clinics are put on in conjunction with the NCAA final four of each sport. The YES clinics are designed to provide free clinics to children in the towns surrounding the championship venue. Lasell College soccer players Jose Calderon '07 and Tim Brennan '08 accompanied Coach Pacini on this trip to North Carolina. Coach Pacini was also recently named the Eastern Massachusetts High School Coach's Association's College Coach of the Year.

Senior basketball player, Mike Unwin was chosen from over 150,000 NCAA student-athletes to sit on the Management Council of the NCAA.

In 2003, Mike was selected as one of 24 student-athletes to sit on the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and was appointed to the Management Council this fall (see story p. 32). The Management Council is made up of presidents, chancellors, athletic directors, members of the NCAA national office, and two student-athletes.

Additionally, many coaches, staff members and student-athletes hold positions on regional and national committees. This involvement, recognition, and service are proof that our creditability is continuing to grow on and off of the court.

Sincerely,

Kristy Walter
Athletic Director

Men's Soccer

Overall Record: 11-6-2
Conference Record: 6-2-0

It was a milestone year for the team, highlighted by an end of the season selection to play in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Tournament. For the match, Lasell traveled to Northfield, VT to face Norwich University. The game remained tied until the 83rd minute, when Norwich scored the winning goal.



Mike Dewire '06 accelerates.

Lasell was picked to play in the ECAC Tournament after reaching the NAC championship game against Mt. Ida College. It was a grueling match that, in the end, had to be decided by penalty kicks and, unfortunately, Lasell went down 4-3. However, because of their sterling play, three Lasers were selected to the NAC All-Conference team: Junior midfielder Andy Roch, Senior defender Mike Dewire, and rookie forward Zach Gagne.

"I'm very pleased with the way 2005 finished out," says Head Coach Giovanni Pacini. "We're poised to return to the title game in '06 as we lose only two seniors from this terrific team."

Women's Soccer

Overall Record: 6-8-2
Conference Record: 5-4-2

This year's team was a young one. However, under the direction of second year Head Coach Lisa McNamara they made their way to the NAC quarterfinal, where they lost to the eventual champion, Vermont's Castleton State College.

Because of their excellent play, two Lasers were named to NAC All-Conference Teams. Sophomore



Sophomore midfielder Nicole Ruggiero is in control of the ball.

midfielder Nicole Ruggiero earned a spot on the All-NAC Second Team, finishing the season with eight goals. Sophomore defender Laurel Saia was named to the Honorable Mention Team, finishing with one goal, two assists, and a solid year in the backfield.

The future looks bright, as the team will not graduate any seniors.

Field Hockey

Overall Record: 6-12
Conference Record: 3-6

This year's team was made up of nine freshmen, seven sophomores, eight juniors, and lone senior goalkeeper Linda Williams. The Lasers gained valuable experience as they battled in hard-fought games.



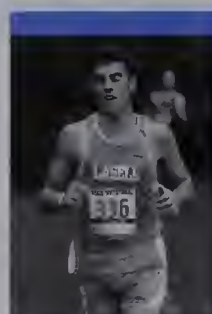
Linda Williams '06 did a formidable job as goalkeeper.

The match against Wheelock College was particularly dramatic. At the end of regulation play, the game was tied at seven all. Advancing to overtime, rookie forward Caitlin Williams scored after only 90 seconds of play.

"This team gave 100 percent all year, and we had two players who were recognized by the NAC. Nicole Bryant was named to the All-NAC Second Team and sophomore Rachael Johnson was named to the All-NAC honorable mention team. Our record does not begin to tell what we accomplished," states Head Coach Jessica King. "We are looking forward to a successful 2006 season and are very excited about Grellier Field's new FieldTurf surface."

Cross Country

This year's squad was the largest in Lasell history, with 10 women and seven men competing. Head Coach Larry Sullivan was very pleased with the team's performance and the improved individual running times.



Greg Lauranzano '07 in the heat of competition.

At the Blazer Invitational, hosted by Elms College, both the men and women finished in second place. Additionally, Kayla McKenna '09 and Chris Johnson '09 each finished in third place, with Johnson being named NAC

Runner of the Week twice during the season.

At the NAC Championships at University of Maine/Farmington, McKenna was named to the NAC All-Conference First Team and Greg Lauranzano '07 and Samantha Billington '06 were named to the NAC All-Conference Second Team.

Men's Basketball

Overall Record: 12-14
Conference Record: 10-5

It was Head Coach Hank DeSantis's first year with the men's basketball program and having lost several key players to graduation, he was able to bring in some new talent and compete with high level teams. The Lasers fell to Lesley University in the NAC quarter finals, a team they were unable to defeat in each of their three meetings this season.

Senior co-captains Mike Unwin and Dan Schweitzer will be missed next year. Unwin averaged just under 7 points per game during his career and finished with a total of 747 points. Schweitzer played three seasons with the Lasers and led the team in rebounding this year, averaging 6.8 per game.

Sophomore Jaime Crawford was named to the All-NAC First Team for the 2005-2006 season. Crawford led the team in scoring, averaging 17.3 points per game, which ranks him eighth in the NAC. Freshman forward Jose Guitian also made an impact this season, averaging



Caption: Jose Guitian '09 stretches at the tip off.

10.2 points per game, as did rookies Brad Carvoulis and Dwayne Powell who each saw significant playing time.

The Lasers will return a strong core of talent for next season and hope to extend their postseason playing opportunities. 🏀

Women's Basketball

Overall Record: 15-12
Conference Record: 13-6

The women's basketball team, under the direction of new Head Coach Matt Stein, finished with its best record since the 2000-2001 season. They made it to the NAC Tournament semifinals, where they fell to the eventual NAC Champions: UMaine/Farmington.

Three women's basketball players were selected to the North Atlantic All Conference Team, including Senior co-captain Mandi Rapisardi, who scored her 1,000th point this season and currently holds the career record for total points at Lasell with 1,192 baskets.

Fellow senior and co-captain Theresa Allen averaged 13 points per game and led the team in rebounding with eight per game. She was an NAC Team Honorable Mention selection and also reached the 1,000 point mark, finishing her career with 1,029 points.

Courtney Casserly '07 scored her 134th three-pointer this season which makes her the all-time high in that category at Lasell. She was also an Honorable Mention selection and was second in



Junior point guard Justine Hill sets up a play.

scoring with 14.1 per game. Point guard Justine Hill '07 added 95 assists this season, just two shy of the record for a single season.

The team looks forward to being very competitive next year. 🏀

Men's Volleyball

Overall Record: 13-17
Conference Record: 2-7

Under the direction of Head Coach Jonah Mytro, the men's volleyball team had their best record to date. Seven new players joined the six returning team members and they developed into a force to be reckoned with. When March arrived, the team went on a four game winning streak and then won four out of five matches at the York College Tournament, the season finale.

Several individual statistical records were broken this year. Senior James Dunn became the Lasell career leader in kills with 614, and career digs with 743. He also set a single season record for digs this year with 312. He was ably assisted by Dwayne Cartegena '07, who broke the single season total blocks record with 120. Bryan Bobo '07 continued to add to his career assists record, ending with a new total of 1,684.

Several rookies also distinguished themselves. Against Lesley, Tyler Hammond '09 led the Lasers in kills,



James Dunn '06 is ready for anything.

with 10, and also added two service aces to his record for the game. Fellow freshman Duncan Kenyon led the defense with eight digs, along with three service aces.

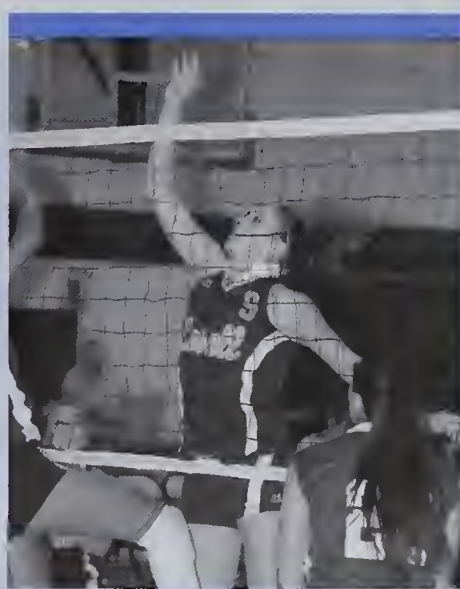
Coach Mytro will lose just one senior to graduation and is looking forward to next year's season. 🏐

Women's Volleyball

Overall Record: 19-6
Conference Record: 9-1

It was the third straight year the Lasers and cross town rival Mount Ida College faced each other in the NAC Championship match. Unfortunately Lasell did not come out the winner. However, two Lasell players were selected to the NAC All-Conference First Team: Allison Bianco '08, who led the team in kills and blocks and setter Katelyn Rasich '08, who amassed 875 assists (ranking second in the NAC) and 291 digs. Angele Lavoie was named to the All-NAC Second Team.

In spite of missing much of the season because of a shoulder injury, Wendy Riddle '06 still managed to finish with a team high average of 3.65 digs per game. She is the only senior on the squad this year, so Head Coach Mary Tom will have 10 returning players next fall. "We are looking forward to vying for another NAC title," she says. 🏐



Allison Bianco '08 goes up for a kill.

Forming Relationships

Student-Athletes Actively Involved in Community



Shawna Kelly '07 and a youngster from Boston Medical Center's Children with AIDS program decorate holiday cookies together.

Team work both on the field and off is displayed by the members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC). "We meet weekly to brainstorm and then we pass our ideas on to

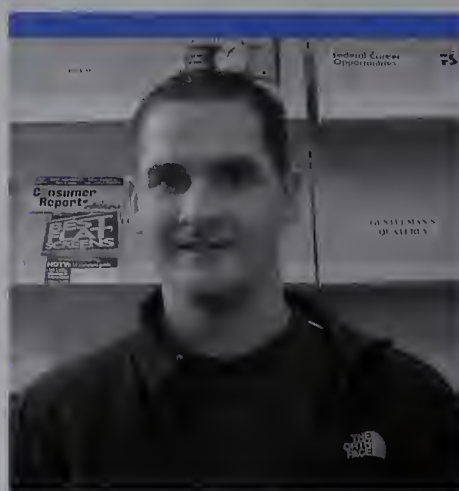
Athletic Director Kristy Walter," explains Colby Gorniewicz '06, this year's president.

SAAC started the fall by organizing and promoting the second annual Fan Fest. The funds raised were used to host a holiday party for the children from Boston Medical Center's Children with AIDS program. These children are familiar faces at Lasell as they had all come for a play day in the gym earlier in the fall.

Other activities included hosting a field day for the students from Newton's Williams Elementary School, providing volunteer coaching for nearby field hockey, soccer, and basketball teams and, on a different note, adopting a written sportsmanship policy that is posted at all games and printed in the programs. 🍪

Attends NCAA's 100th Anniversary National Convention

Mike Unwin '06 Earns Voting Privileges on NCAA Management Council



Mike Unwin '06

This January, fresh back from Indianapolis and the NCAA National Convention, Mike Unwin '06 took off his tie and coat and put on his Lasers' basketball uniform to assume his team's

captaincy. Mike seems to take on the role of leader, no matter where he is. He is one of 24 student-athletes to sit on the NCAA's National Student Athletic Advisory Committee and this year, he was one of two to be selected to earn actual voting membership on the Management Council.

"In Indianapolis, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the NCAA and also the 25th year of women's athletic programs being included in the association. The annual convention is where legislation is adopted and to be sitting and voting with university presidents and athletic directors was an incredible honor," says Mike. "I was proud to be able to represent not only Lasell, but also the 150,000 student-athletes who compete at the NCAA Division III level." 🍪

Men's Lacrosse 2006

APRIL

5	Wednesday	@ Curry College	Away	6:30 p.m.
8	Saturday	@ WNEC*	Away	1:00 p.m.
12	Wednesday	@ Clark University*	Away	7:00 p.m.
15	Saturday	WHEATON COLLEGE*	Home	1:00 p.m.
19	Wednesday	MIT*	Home	4:00 p.m.
22	Saturday	@ Babson College*	Away	7:00 p.m.
26	Wednesday	@ Springfield College*	Away	7:00 p.m.
29	Saturday	NORWICH UNIVERSITY*	Home	2:00 p.m.

MAY

3	Wednesday	PILGRIM LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS	TBD	
6	Saturday	PILGRIM LEAGUE FINALS	TBD	

*Indicates Pilgrim League conference game

Head Coach: Tim Dunton (4th year) Endicott '00
Assistant Coach: Jeff Maciorowski (4th year) Endicott '02
Assistant Coach: Mike Lucchetti (1st Year) Springfield '93

Women's Lacrosse 2006

APRIL

1	Saturday	WNEC*	Home	1:00 p.m.
3	Monday	@ Colby Sawyer	Away	3:30 p.m.
5	Wednesday	@ Worcester State College	Away	4:00 p.m.
8	Saturday	@ Thomas College	Away	1:00 p.m.
9	Sunday	@ Univ. S. Maine	Away	1:00 p.m.
11	Tuesday	ELMS COLLEGE	Home	4:00 p.m.
13	Thursday	CURRY COLLEGE	Home	4:00 p.m.
15	Saturday	NICHOLS COLLEGE	Home	11:00 a.m.
18	Tuesday	@ Emerson College	Away	5:30 p.m.
20	Thursday	RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE	Home	4:00 p.m.
22	Saturday	@ Castleton State College	Away	1:00 p.m.
25	Tuesday	@ Western CT State	Away	4:00 p.m.
27	Thursday	@ St. Joseph's CT	Away	4:00 p.m.
29	Saturday	NEWLA Semi-final	TBD	

MAY

6	Saturday	NEWLA Final	TBD	
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*Indicates NEWLA Conference game

Head Coach: Lynne Kirouac (2nd year)
Assistant Coach: Carrie Silliman (2nd year)

Softball 2006

APRIL

2	Sunday	ST. JOSEPH'S MAINE	Home	1:00 p.m.
3	Monday	@ Regis College	Away	3:30 p.m.
4	Tuesday	UMass - BOSTON	Home	4:00 p.m.
5	Wednesday	@ Lesley University*	Away	3:00 p.m.
8	Saturday	@ Maine Maritime Academy*	Away	2:00 p.m.
9	Sunday	@ Husson College*	Away	12:00 p.m.
12	Wednesday	@ Becker College	Away	3:00 p.m.
14	Friday	Univ. of MAINE at Farmington*	Home	2:00 p.m.
15	Saturday	THOMAS COLLEGE *	Home	12:00 p.m.
19	Wednesday	WHEELOCK COLLEGE*	Home	3:00 p.m.
20	Thursday	FITCHBURG STATE	Home	3:00 p.m.
21	Friday	@ Bay Path College*	Away	3:00 p.m.
25	Tuesday	MOUNT IDA COLLEGE	Home	3:30 p.m.
30	Sunday	@ Elms College	Away	1:00 p.m.

MAY

1	Monday	@ Salem State College	Away	3:30 p.m.
3	Wednesday	NAC Q-finals	TBD	
5	Friday	NAC Semi-finals	TBD	
6	Saturday	NAC Finals	TBD	

* NAC Opponents

Head Coach: Tom DeFilippo (8th year)
Assistant Coach: Mike Harrison (2nd year)
Assistant Coach: Wendi DeFilippo (2nd year)

Listings that appear in capital letters denote home games. Occasionally, due to weather, etc., dates and times may change.

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